

CATALOGUE
OF
COPPER-PLATE GRANTS.

PREFACE.

THIS Catalogue of the Copper-plate Grants preserved in the Madras Government Museum has been prepared by Mr. R. Srinivasa Raghava Ayyangar, M.A., Archæological Assistant. It contains a short description of each of the grants, over two hundred in number, that have been received up to the end of August 1917. Frequently produced as evidence, chiefly in cases connected with landtenure, and afterwards unclaimed by the owners, these grants gradually accumulated in the District Courts and other Government offices. At the suggestion of the Archæological Department it was decided by Government (G.O. No. 934, Public, dated 19th September 1902) that all copper-plate grants deposited in the District offices of the Presidency should be transferred to the Museum, on the understanding that in the event of a particular grant being required as evidence in a court of law or for other purposes, arrangements could always be made for its temporary withdrawal from the Museum. Out of a total of 218 grants, 190 were received from District offices, many before the Government order referred to came into operation, while 18 were presented, 8 purchased on the recommendation of the Government Epigraphist, and 2 received on loan.

There is considerable variation in the number and size of the plates or individual leaves which make up a copper-plate grant or *tāmra-śasana* (copper charter). In the great majority the metal of which the leaves are composed is copper, but in the present collection there are three grants each composed of a single brass plate, and two composed of single lead plates coated with thin sheets of copper. The number of leaves varies from one to thirteen, and where two or more were used they were strung together by means of a copper ring passing



through a circular hole in each leaf. The ends of this ring are generally soldered to a circular seal, bearing the emblems and legend of the king who issued the grant. These emblems or crests usually take the form of animals, such as a bull, boar, tiger, two fishes, etc. When the grant is composed of a single plate the seal is usually directly fixed to it. The seal was thus an important evidence of authority on the part of the king or other person who issued the grant, and in some cases an additional authentication is found at the end of the inscription, in the insertion of the name of the tutelary deity of the grantor. For example *Śrī Virūpākṣa* is met with in the grants of the early Vijayanagara kings, and *Śrī Vēṅkatēśa* in those of the later kings. In several cases two or even three different grants are in the present collection recorded on a single plate, or on the same set of plates.

The language of the earliest grants, the oldest of which belongs to the fourth century A.D., is Prakrit. This was followed by Sanskrit, which is the language in general use up to the seventeenth century, when the vernaculars of the country came to be adopted. The script used varies according to the dynasties, and also to the localities where, and the periods when, the grants were issued. In the present collection the grants appear in the following languages:—Prakrit 3, Sanskrit 101, Tamil 62, Telugu 33, Kanarese 17, Malayalam 1, Uriya 1.

Most of the grants are donative records dealing with gifts made by kings or persons in authority, usually of land, which may extend in some cases to entire villages, but others merely confer a right to certain perquisites or special privileges. They were executed not on ordinary days, but on days specially selected because they were auspicious, such as solar and lunar eclipses, *Gōkulāshṭami* (Krishna's birthday), *Śivārāthri* (the fourteenth day in the dark fortnight of the month of *Māgha*, sacred to Śiva), etc. They are usually dated, sometimes in the regnal year of a king, at other times in the Kali-yuga reckoning which commenced in 3102 B.C., or in the Śaka era dating from 78 A.D., less frequently in other reckonings.

In certain cases astronomical data are given with such exactitude that it is possible to determine even to the hour, the time at which the grant was drawn up.

Each record opens, as a rule, with a verse invoking the blessing of either Siva or Vishnu, or of the tutelary deity of the king or other person who issued the grant. This is followed in most cases by a more or less imaginary genealogy of the king, tracing his ancestry back to a mythical founder of the dynasty, and sometimes stating the number of regnal years, or certain historical events, in connexion with the kings. The date, the name of the village donated, or details of the special privilege conferred, and the name, pedigree, and qualifications of the donee are stated, the boundaries of the land granted are detailed, and lastly there is an imprecation rendering the grant binding on all future kings.

In the present catalogue the grants are arranged in dynastic or family groups, which follow one another in alphabetical order; the grants of each dynasty are arranged chronologically. In the case of each grant its nature is first described, i.e., the number of plates employed and the special features of the seal, if one is present, while any known facts with reference to the discovery of the grant are briefly mentioned. The language and script are next stated. This is followed by a short summary of the grant, with special reference to any important or noteworthy points which it may contain. The date and its equivalent in the Christian era follow, the latter calculated with the aid of the Ephemeris of Diwan Bahadur L. D. Swamikannu Pillai, I.S.O. Finally references to previous brief notices of the grants are enclosed in curved brackets, while references to publications in which full transcripts have appeared will be found in rectangular brackets.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS.

App.	Appendix.
A.R.M.E.	Annual Report of the Assistant Archaeological Superintendent for Epigraphy, Southern circle (Madras).
B.B.R.A.S. ... ..	...	Journal of the Bombay Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society.
Ep. Ind. ... ..	...	Epigraphia Indica.
G.O. .. ...	...	Government Order.
H. Nel. Dist. ... ..	...	A Collection of the Inscriptions on Copper-plates and Stones in the Nellore district, by A. Butterworth, I.C.S., and V. Venugopala Chetti, I.C.S., 1905.
Ind. Ant. ... ..	...	Indian Antiquary.
Kali. ... ..	...	Kaliyuga year.
Ś. ... ..	...	Śaka year.
Sa. Dist. Man. ... ..	...	Salem District Manual, 1883.
S.I.I. ... ..	...	South Indian Inscriptions, edited by E. Hultzsch, PH.D., Rai Bahadur V. Venkayya, M.A., and Rao Sahib H. Krishna Sastri, B.A.
S.L.I. ... ..	...	List of Inscriptions and Sketches of the Dynasties of Southern India, by Robert Sewell, 1884.
T.S.I.	Tamil and Sanskrit Inscriptions, edited by Jas Burgess, C.I.E., LL.D., F.R.G.S., with translation by S. M. Natesa Sastri, 1886.

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BRITISH.

British 1.

Two copper-plates connected by a ring, the ends of which are secured by a figure of Gaṇeśa, received from the District Court of Kistna.

The language and script of the inscription are modern Telugu.

It records the settlement made by a committee of three members, viz., Andrew Scott, Collector of Guntūr, John Read, Collector of Masulipatam, and I. L. Caldwell, Superintendent of Tank Repairs, regarding the distribution of water from certain channels from the Kistna river to the villages of Bāpaṭla and Chukur (Cherukūru).

The document was executed on the eighth *tithi* in the dark fortnight in the month of Phālguna, in the year Raudra, S. 1722 (7th March 1801 A.D.).

CHĀLUKYAS, EASTERN.

Chālukyas, Eastern 1.

Three copper-plates connected by a ring, the ends of which are secured by a seal having the legend '*Śrī Vishmasiddhi*', found in October 1907, by Sukuru Rāmasvāmi, while digging in a house-site, in the village of Timmāpuram, in the Sarvasiddhi taluk of the Vizagapatam district.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed being Chālukyan.

The plates record that Mahārāja Vishnuvardhana I *alias* Vishmasiddhi, the founder of the eastern branch of the Chālukya dynasty, gave four thousand *nivartana*s in the fields on the eastern side of the village of Kumālūra in the Paḷaki-vishaya to forty Brahmans.

The inscription was issued from Pishtapura (Pithapuram) and is not dated. The probable date of the grant is somewhat later than A.D. 622.

(A.R.M.E., 1907-08, App. A, No. 2—G.O. No. 574, Public,

17th July 1908, p. 11.)

[Ep. Ind., 1907-08, Vol. IX, p. 317.]

Chālukyas, Eastern 2.

Three copper-plates connected by a ring, the ends of which are secured by a seal bearing the legend 'Śrī Vijayasiddhi', with the emblem of the moon above, and a star on either side, found in October 1907, by Sukuru Rāmasvāmi while digging in a house-site in the village of Timmāpuram, in the Sarvasiddhi taluk, of the Vizagapatam district, and sent to the Museum by the Collector of Vizagapatam.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed being Chālukyan.

The three plates originally contained an inscription which was almost completely erased in order to make room for another record. The present inscription occupies the second side of the first plate, and two lines in the first side of the second plate. The idea of getting the fresh document engraved on these plates was evidently abandoned and we have thus got an unfinished record. It first mentions Jayasimha-Vallabha and then introduces Indra-Bhaṭṭāraka. The inscription ends abruptly.

The Eastern Chālukya Mahārāja Sarvalōkāśraya (Maṅgi Yuvarāja) had the title of Vijayasiddhi, and hence the plates must have been issued by that king who lived in the latter part of the seventh century A.D.

(A.R.M.E., 1907-08, App. A, No. 1—G.O. No. 574, Public, 17th July 1908, p. 11.)

Chālukyas, Eastern 3.

Three small thin copper-plates strung on a broken ring to which is attached a seal containing the emblem of the moon and the legend 'Vijayasiddhi.' They have been in the Museum for a long time and there is no record of the find. A part of the last plate, which is broken, is missing.

The language of the inscription is Sanskrit, the script employed being Chālukyan.

After the usual Chālukya introduction, the document states that Mahārāja Sarvalōkāśraya, son of Mahārāja Viṣṇuvardhana and grandson of Indra-Bhaṭṭāraka, younger brother of Mahārāja Jayasinha I, gave the village of Nūtulapaṛṇu, situated in Karmarāshtra country, to a Brahman named Kuṇṭidōṇa Śarma, resident of Kramja, on the occasion of *uttarāyana sankrānti*.

The grant was made in the twentieth year of the reign of Mahārāja Sarvalōkāśraya. Information regarding the date is not available from the existing portion of the third plate. Sarvalōkāśraya is another name for Mahārāja Maṅgi-Yuvarāja who had the title of Vijayasiddhi, and lived in the latter part of the seventh century A.D.

(S.L.I., No. 176.)

Chālukyas, Eastern 4.

Five copper-plates strung on a ring, the ends of which are secured by means of a seal having the legend, 'Śrī Viṣhamasiddhi', in bold relief, preserved in the Museum for a long time and without history. The emblems of the sun, the moon, and a boar



are found above the legend, and an elephant, gal and a lotus flower appear below.

The language of the inscription is Sanskrit, the script employed being Chālukyan.

The plates record that Mahārāja Vishṇuvardhana III, son of Maṅgi Yuvarāja and grandson of Vishṇuvardhana II, gave the village of Muṣinikuṇḍa, situated in Tōṅka-Nāḷavāḍi vishaya, to a Jaina teacher Kālibhadrāchārya, for the Jain temple at Bṛjavadā (Bezavāḍa).

The ajñapti or executor of the grant was Ayyanamahādēvī, the wife of Mahārāja Kubja Vishṇuvardhana, and the charter was marked with the seal of Mahārāja Kubja Vishṇuvardhana (Vishṇuvardhana I). These facts suggest that this grant must be a renewal of a grant made in the time of Mahārāja Kubja Vishṇuvardhana.

The value of the inscription lies in three facts:—

(1) that Vishṇuvardhana had a wife of the name of Ayyanamahādēvī,

(2) that she was a follower of Jainism, and

(3) that this is the earliest Eastern Chālukya record, so far known, in which there is a reference to Jainism.

The grant was made on the dvādaśī day in the dark fortnight in the month of Mārgaśīrṣha. The year is more or less illegible. King Vishṇuvardhana ruled from A.D. 615 to 633 and Vishṇuvardhana III ruled from A.D. 709 to 746. The grant was originally made before 633, and renewed between A.D. 709 and 746.

[A.R.M.E., 1916-17, App. A, No. 9—G.O. No. 1035, Home (Education), 10th August 1917, p. 9.]

Chālukyas, Eastern 5.

Three copper-plates unearthed in the village of Peravali and received from the Collector of Guntūr, who secured them from the finders.

The language of the inscription is Sanskrit, the script employed being Chālukyan.

The plates record that the Eastern Chālukya Mahārāja Vishṇuvardhana III, son of Maṅgi Mahārāja and grandson of Vishṇuvardhana II, granted the village of Māvṇthipāḷi in Vēṅgi-Nāḍu, to a Brahman named Sōmayāji Bṛa Sarman, a resident of the village of Peravali. This village is identical with Peravali, Tenali taluk, Guntūr district, where the plates were found.

The grant is not dated. Vishṇuvardhana III ruled from A.D. 709 to 746.

(A.R.M.E., 1914-15, App. A, No. 3—G.O. No. 1260, Public, 25th August 1915, p. 8.)

Chālukyas, Eastern 6.

Three copper-plates strung on a ring, the ends of which are secured by means of a seal bearing the legend 'Śrī Tribhuvanaṁkūṣa', placed over an expanded lotus flower and below the sun and moon found at the village of Eḍḍeru, in the Nuzvid Zamīndārī, in the Kistna district. They were sent to the Museum by the Zamīndār in 1873, when they were found.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed being Chālukyan.

The plates record that the Eastern Chālukya Mahārāja Vijayāditya II, son of Vishṇuvardhana IV and grandson of Vikramārāma, gave a plot of land in which twelve *khandikās* of *kādrava* seeds could be sown and a dwelling place in the village of Vandrupiteyu, in the Kāṇḍēruvāḍi vishaya, to a Brahman named Pallā-Bhāṭṭāraka, on the occasion of a solar eclipse.

As Vijayāditya ruled from A.D. 799 to 843 the grant must have been made during that period. No date is mentioned in the plates.

(S.L.I., No. 180.)

[Ep. Ind., 1898-99, Vol. V, p. 118.]

Chālukyas, Eastern 7.

Five copper-plates unearthed in the village of Peravali and received from the Collector of Guntūr, who obtained them from the finders. The plates are strung on a ring, the ends of which are secured by a seal with a very indistinct impression.

The language of the inscription is Sanskrit, the script employed being Chālukyan.

The plates record that the Eastern Chālukya king Vishṇuvardhana V, *alias* Vishamasiddhi, granted the village of Raṇḍuballī, in Gudrahāra vishaya, to Bhāvaśarman, a Brahman of the Kauśika-gotra, on the auspicious occasion of a lunar eclipse.

The grant is not dated, but the titles Sarvalōkāśraya and Vishamasiddhi point to the king being Vishṇuvardhana V, who ascended the throne in A.D. 843.

(A.R.M.E., 1914-15, App. A, No. 2—G.O. No. 1260, Public, 25th August 1915, p. 8.)

Chālukyas, Eastern 8.

Five copper-plates found in the Collector's office, Masulipatam, and received from the Sub-Collector of Narasapūr. They are strung on a ring, the ends of which are secured by a seal bearing in relief the emblems of a boar, the sun, the moon, an elephant goad and the legend 'Śrī Tribhuvandhikūśa.'

The language of the inscription is Sanskrit, the script employed being Chālukyan.

The plates record that the Eastern Chālukya king Chālukya Bhīma I granted the village of Vedatulūru, in Uttarakāṇḍēruvāḍi vishaya, to forty-six Brahmans of different gotras, on the occasion of the *Nityāśrāddha* of his son, aged sixteen years, who was surnamed Iṣimartigaṇḍa and died after fighting bravely at Niravadyapura and Peruvaṅgūr-grāma, killing the general of the Vallabha king Daṇḍēna-Guṇḍaya.

The usual genealogy of the Eastern Chālukya kings from king Kubja Vishṇuvardhana is traced, but the number of years during which Jayasimha I and Vijayāditya-Bhāṭṭāraka reigned is stated to be 33 and 19, instead of 30 and 18, respectively.

The record is not dated. Chālukya Bhīma I ruled from A.D. 888 to 918.

(A.R.M.E., 1913-14, App. A, No. 1—G.O. No. 920, Public, 4th August 1914, p. 10.)

Chālukyas, Eastern 9.

Five copper-plates found on the 25th June 1897 in a rock-hewn chamber of a quarry-compound at Bezvāda and sent to the Museum by Doctor Hultzsch. The plates are strung on a ring, the ends of which are secured by a seal bearing in relief the legend 'Śrī Tribhuvanāṅkuśa' with a couchant boar above it facing the proper left. The boar is surmounted by the sun and moon, and has an elephant goad to its proper right.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed being Chālukyan.

The plates record that at the time of his coronation, the Eastern Chālukya king Viṣṇuvardhana, usually called Chālukya Bhīma, gave the village of Kūkiparṇu, in the Uttarakāṇḍēruvāḍi-vishaya, to a Brahman named Pōtamayya, well versed in the Vedas.

The grant is not dated. Chālukya Bhīma ruled from A.D. 888 to 918.

[Ep. Ind., 1898-99, Vol. V, p. 127.]

Chālukyas, Eastern 10.

Five copper-plates found in 1871, during the ploughing of a field in the village of Ēḍēru, in the Nuzvid Zamīndāri, in the Kistna district, and presented to the Museum by the Zamīndār. They are strung on a ring, the ends of which are soldered to a circular seal bearing in relief the legend 'Śrī Tribhuvanāṅkuśa' with a recumbent boar above, facing the proper right, and a lotus flower below. The emblems of the sun, moon and two chāmaras (fly-whisks) are above the boar, and an elephant goad is to its proper right.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed being Chālukyan.

The plates record that Amma Rājā I, otherwise called Rājama-hēndra or Viṣṇuvardhana VI of the Eastern Chālukya dynasty, gave the village of Gōṇṭūru together with twelve hamlets to Bhaṇḍanāditya *alias* Kuntāditya, one of his military officers and son of Prithvi Rājā, in the presence of the inhabitants of the district of Kāṇḍēruvāḍi.

A genealogy of the kings of the Eastern Chālukya dynasty from Kubja Viṣṇuvardhana to Amma I, with the number of years each reigned, is given in the plates.

The grant is not dated. It must have been made between A.D. 918 and 925, the period of Amma Rājā's reign.

(S.L.I., No. 179.)

[S.L.I., 1890, Vol. I, p. 37.]

Chālukyas, Eastern 11.

Three copper-plates found in the record room of the Collector's office, Masulipatam, and received from the Collector of Kistna. They are strung on a ring, the ends of which are secured by means of a seal bearing in relief the emblems of a boar, an elephant goad, the moon, and the legend 'Śrī Tribhuvanāṅkuśa'.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed being Chālukyan.

The Eastern Chālukya king Vishṇuvardhana VI granted the village of Drujjūru, free of all taxes, to Mahākāla, the general of his army. This village is the same as Drujjūr situated about nineteen miles north-west of Bezwāda.

The plates give a genealogy from king Kubja Vishṇuvardhana, the first sovereign of the Eastern Chālukya dynasty to Amma Rāja I, together with the number of years each reigned.

The grant is not dated. Vishṇuvardhana is another name for Amma Rāja I, who reigned from A.D. 918 to 925.

(S.L.I., No. 2.)

[Ind. Ant., 1879, Vol. VIII, p. 76.]

Chālukyas, Eastern 12.

Five copper-plates received from the Collector's office, Kistna. They are strung on a ring, the ends of which are secured by a circular seal, bearing in relief the legend '*Sri Tribhuvanasiṃha*' and the symbols of a boar, an elephant goad, the sun and moon, and an expanded lotus flower.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed being Chālukyan.

The plates record that Mahārājādhirāja Vishṇuvardhana *alias* Taḍabhūpāla of the Eastern Chālukya dynasty, gave the village of Śrīpūṇḍi in Velanāṇḍu-vishaya to Kupparāya, son of Makariyarāja, who was the Maha Samantamatya (chief and minister) of the king. The grant was made in consideration of the valuable services rendered by Makariyarāja. Velanāṇḍu is the name of the tract of country, now comprising the taluks of Tenali and Bapatla.

The grant is not dated, but is stated to have been made during the reign of the donor. As Taḍabhūpāla ruled for one month in A.D. 925 the grant must have been made in that year.

(A.R.M.E., 1908-09, App. A, No. 5—G.O. No. 538, Public, 28th July 1909, p. 11.)

Chālukyas, Eastern 13.

Three copper-plates discovered during the excavation of a mound near the temple at Kolaveṇṇu, Bezwāda taluk, and received from the Collector of the Kistna district. They are strung on a ring, the ends of which are secured by means of a seal bearing in relief the legend '*Sri Tribhuvanasiṃha*' in the middle. The emblems of a boar, the sun and moon, two chāmaras (fly-whisks) and an elephant goad are above the legend, and a lotus flower appears below.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed being Chālukyan.

The Eastern Chālukyan king Chālukya Bhīma II, otherwise known as Rājādhirāja Paramēśvara Śrī Vishṇuvardhana VII, who ruled over the kingdom of Veṅgi, gave, at the request of his vassal Vajjaya, the village of Koḍhatalli, having constructed an agrahāra, to a Brahman named Kommaṇa, on the occasion of a summer solstice (*uttarāyaṇa*).

The grant is not dated. Chālukya Bhīma II ruled from A.D. 934 to 945.

[S.L.I., 1890, Vol. I, p. 43.]

Chālukyas. Eastern 14.

Five copper-plates found buried in the backyard of Buddha-
raju Venkataraju of Vandram, a village in the Bhimavaram taluk
of the Kistna district, and received from the Collector of Kistna.
They are connected by a broken ring, which is soldered to
a circular seal bearing in relief the legend, 'Śrī Tribhuvanāṁkuśa'
with a boar facing the proper left above, and a floral device below.
The emblems of the sun, the moon and an elephant goad appear
around the boar. The second side of the second plate is a
palimpsest.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed being
Chālukyan.

The plates record that king Amma Rāja II *alias* Vijayāditya
VI of the Eastern Chālukya dynasty, gave the villages of Tanḍeru
and Beṭipūṇḍi, having constructed agrahārās, to Kuppanayya,
who held the titles of *amḍitya* and *sāmanta*.

Mention is made of the coronation of Amma Rāja II, which took
place on the thirteenth *tithi* in the dark fortnight in the month of
Mārgaśīrṣa in S. 867 (5th December 945 A.D.), while he was
twelve years of age.

As the last portion of the inscription is quite illegible, the date
of the grant cannot be ascertained. Amma Rāja II ruled from
A.D. 945 to 970.

(A.R.M.E., 1905-06, App. A, No. 34—G.O. No. 492, Public,
2nd July 1906, p. 10.)

[Ep. Ind., 1907-08, Vol. IX, p. 131.]

Chālukyas. Eastern 15.

Five copper-plates which originally belonged to Mallampati
Mangayya of the village of Yelivarru, in the Repalle taluk, of the
Guntūr district, and were purchased by Dr. J. Burgess for the
Museum. The owner was building a house in 1864, and as he was
bringing earth in a cart, one of the bullocks put its foot into a hole
in the path. On digging, he found a large jar with a rusty iron
covering. The plates were hanging from an iron bar across the
jar. They are strung on a ring, the ends of which are secured by
a circular seal. It bears, in relief, across the middle, the legend
'Śrī Tribhuvanāṁkuśa' with a boar above and a lotus flower below.
The emblems of the moon, the sun and an elephant goad are found
around the boar. The second side of the first plate and the two
sides of the third plate are palimpsests.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed being
Chālukyan.

The Eastern Chālukya king Amma II, also called Vijayāditya,
gave the village of Elavarru, in the Velanāṇḍu-vishaya, to a
Brahman named Kōramiṇya, "the head of the writing department
in the treasury of gold", on the occasion of *uttarāyana*.

The village granted may be the same as Yalavarru, Tenali
taluk, Guntūr district.

The grant is not dated, but must have been subsequent to A.D.
945 the year in which King Amma II ascended the throne and
before A.D. 970, the last year of his reign.

[Ind. Ant., 1883, Vol. XII, p. 91.]

Chālukyas, Eastern 16.

Five copper-plates purchased from a Muhammadan in the village of Vēmalūrpaḍu, in the Guntūr district. They are strung on a ring, the ends of which are secured by means of a seal bearing in relief the legend 'Śrī Tribhuvanāṅkuśa' in the centre. Below the legend is a lotus flower and the emblems of the sun, the moon and an elephant goad. Above the legend are a boar and a chāmara (fly-whisk).

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed being Chālukyan.

The Eastern Chālukya king Amma Rāja II granted a piece of land, in the two villages of Aṇṇaṇṅūru and Aṇḍeki, to Musiyana, a Brahman of Kārmachēdu, at the instance of his general Dugga-rāja, the great-grandson of the famous Pamḍaraṅga, on the occasion of *uttarāyana saṅkrānti*.

Reference is made to the political troubles that preceded the accession of Amma Rāja II. It is also stated that he was announced heir-apparent in his eighth and crowned in his twelfth year.

The grant is not dated. Amma Rāja II is known to have ruled from A.D. 945 to 970.

(A.R.M.E., 1909-10, App. A, No. 4—G.O. No. 665, Public,
28th July 1910, p. 15.)

Chālukyas, Eastern 17.

Five copper-plates received from the District Court of Kistna, Masulipatam. They are strung on a ring, the ends of which are soldered to a circular seal bearing in relief the legend 'Śrī Tribhuvanāṅkuśa' and the emblems of a boar, an elephant goad, two chāmaras (fly-whisks), the sun, the moon and a lotus flower.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed being Chālukyan.

The Eastern Chālukya king Amma Rāja II, otherwise called Vijayāditya VI, granted a plot of land to two Jain temples at Vijayavāṭika (Bezwāda).

The king was a patron of the Jain religion. He was crowned king on Friday, 5th December 945 A.D.

The grant is not dated. Amma Rāja II is known to have ruled from A.D. 945 to 970.

(S.L.L. No. 84)

(A.R.M.E., 1908-09, App. A, No. 8—G.O. No. 538, Public,
28th July 1909, p. 11.)

Chālukyas, Eastern 18.

Three copper-plates found in the Vernacular Record Room of the Collector's office, Masulipatam, and received from the Collector of Kistna. They are strung on a ring, the ends of which are secured by means of a seal bearing in relief the emblems of a boar facing the proper right, the sun and moon, a śaṅkha (conch), an elephant goad and the legend 'Śrī Tribhuvanāṅkuśa'.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed being Chālukyan.

The Eastern Chālukya king Sri Vijayāditya VI, otherwise known as Amma II, gave the site, adjoining the south side of the village of Pāmbaṅṅu, to Yuvarāja Ballāla Dēva-Velābhaṭṭa-Boddiya, for having improved the town of Guḍrāvāra. The plot of land given is near Ghaṇṭaśāla, in the Kistna eastern delta.

The grant is not dated. It must have been made between A.D. 945 and 970.

(S.I.I., No. 1.)

[Ind. Ant., 1879, Vol. VIII, p. 73.]

Chālukyas, Eastern 19.

Three copper-plates received from the Collector of Masulipatam. They are strung on a ring, the ends of which are secured by means of a seal, much corroded, but still bearing traces of a standing boar and the legend, 'Śrī Tribhuvandīkusa.' The first two plates are much worn and nearly half of the third plate, which is broken, is missing.

The plates record that the Eastern Chālukya king Amma Raja II, *alias* Vijayāditya VI, restored to a Brahman, who was his family priest, a field which was resumed.

The grant is not dated. Amma Raja II ruled from A.D. 945 to 970.

[S.I.I., 1890, Vol. I, p. 46.]

Chālukyas, Eastern 20.

Five copper-plates unearthed in the Nandigāma taluk, of the Kistna district, and sent by the Sub-Collector of Bezwāda for deposit in the Museum as treasure-trove. They are strung on a ring, the ends of which are soldered to a circular seal, to the rim of which, all round, is fixed a thin bangle-like ring, from one end of which is proceeding a full-blown lotus, in relief, on the seal. To the proper right of this lotus is an aṅkuṣa (elephant-goat). Above these is the legend, 'Śrī Tribhuvandīkusa.' Above this legend is a running boar facing the proper left. The moon and a chāmara (fly-whisk) are to the proper left, and the sun and a chāmara are to the proper right of the boar.

The language of the inscription is Sanskrit, with the exception of a few lines in Telugu which describe the boundaries of the village granted. The script employed is Chālukyan.

The plates record that the Eastern Chālukya king Mahārāja-dhirāja Paramēśvara Parama-Bhaṭṭāraka Vijayāditya, otherwise known as Amma II, gave the village of Māṅgallu, in Nātavādi-vishaya, to a Brahman named Dommana, at the instance of Kākartya Guṇḍyāna, a chief of a subordinate family called Sāmantavoddi, on the occasion of *uttarāyana* (the summer solstice), as Dommana pleased Guṇḍyāna by observing the religious observance of poverty named *Karpativrata*. The observance consisted in "bathing every day, avowing continuous celibacy, speaking truth, preserving purity, compassion, liberality and ritual and practising forbearance and kindness." Māṅgallu may be Mangollu or Māgallu in the Nandigāma taluk of the Kistna district.

The grant is not dated, but it is stated to have been made at the time when Amma II proceeded to the Kāliṅga country and while the country was ruled by Dānārjaya, son of Chālukya

Bhīma II, with the consent of Amma II. Dānārṇava ruled from A.D. 970 to 973.

(A.R.M.E., 1917-18, App. A, No. 1—G.O. No. 1035, Home (Education), 10th August 1917, p. 8.)

Chālukyas. Eastern 21.

Five copper-plates received from the Collector of Gōdāvari. They are strung on a ring, the ends of which are secured by means of a seal, having on the countersunk surface across the centre, the legend 'Śrī Tribhuvanāṅkuṣa' with a boar facing the proper left above, and an aṅkuṣa (elephant-goad) below. The sun and moon are above the boar. A śaṅkha (conch) and a chāmara (fly-whisk) are to the proper left and a drum and a chāmara (fly-whisk) are to the proper right of the boar. Below the aṅkuṣa (elephant-goad) is a lotus flower. A water lily and a throne are to the proper right and left of the lotus flower.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed being Chālukyan.

The plates record that the Eastern Chālukya king Rājaraṇjadēva I, otherwise called Viṣṇuvardhana VIII, gave the village of Nandamapūṇḍi, situated in Rēṇḍēgulunadimi-vishaya, having constructed an agrahāra, to a Brahman named Nanni Nārāyaṇa-Bhaṭṭa, for his scholarship in Sanskrit, Karmāta, Prakṛita, Pāṣācha and Andhra languages, on the auspicious occasion of a lunar eclipse.

It is stated that the coronation of the king took place on Thursday, the second *tithi* in the dark fortnight in the month of Simha in S. 944 (16th August 1022 A.D.).

The grant was made on the full-moon day in the 32nd year of the reign of Rājaraṇjadēva, who ruled from A.D. 1022 to 1063. The date was in all probability the 28th November 1053 A.D.

[Ep. Ind., 1896-97, Vol. IV, p. 300.]

Chālukyas. Eastern 22.

Seven copper-plates which have been in the Museum for a long time. There is no record of the find. They are strung on a ring, the ends of which are secured by a seal bearing in relief a kneeling Garuḍa facing the proper left, with a lamp on either side. A śaṅkha (conch) and a chāmara (fly-whisk) are to the proper left and right of the Garuḍa.

The language of the inscription is Sanskrit, the script employed being old Telugu.

The inscription gives a genealogy of the chiefs descended from the Eastern Chālukyan king Beṇa-Vijayāditya V down to Malla Viṣṇuvardhana. A subordinate chief of this king was Mahādeva, son of Viṣṇuvardhana and grandson of Bhīma. This chief ruled over the province watered by the Gautamī, one of the branches of the river Gōdāvari, and named Malyāvanī. He gave the village Chandravāri, in Chēngurunant-vishaya, to one hundred and thirty Brahmans.

The grant was made in the month of Phālguna probably in S. 1127 (A.D. 1205).

(A.R.M.E., 1917-18, App. A, No. 10—G.O. No. 1035, Home (Education), 10th August 1917, p. 9.)

CHĀLUKYAS. WESTERN.

Chālukyas. Western 1.

Three copper-plates found in the Kurnool district and received from the Collector of Kurnool. They are strung on a ring, the ends of which are secured by means of a seal bearing in relief a standing boar facing the proper right.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed being Chālukyan.

The Western Chālukya king Ādityavarman, son of Mahārāja Satyāśraya and grandson of Kirtivarman, gave the allotment (*ṛittih*) known as *uñchha-manna-pannāsa* of the villages of Muṇḍakallu and Pālgiṛe to two Brahmans named Rēvaśarma and Agniśarma.

Satyāśraya, father of Ādityavarman, is said to have defeated Śrī Harshavardhana.

The grant was made on the full-moon day in the month of Kārtika, during the festival of Paitāmahī and Hiraṇyagarbha, in the first year of the reign of Ādityavarman. Burnell, on the authority of other inscriptions, has fixed the date as A.D. 652-53.

(S.L.I. No. 95.)

[B.B.R.A.S., 1883-85, Vol. XVI, p. 223.]

Chālukyas. Western 2.

Three copper-plates received from the Collector's office, Kurnool. They are strung on a ring, the ends of which are secured by a seal bearing in relief a standing boar facing the proper right.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed being Chālukyan.

The plates record that the Western Chālukya king Vikramāditya Satyāśraya (Vikramāditya I) gave 120 *nivartanas* or 15 acres of land in the village of Ratnagiri, in the Naḷavādi vishaya, to a Brahman named Prābhākarasvāmī, on the full-moon day in which the Sangamamahāyātrā is held.

The grant was made in the third year of the reign of Mahārāja Vikramāditya. No other details, regarding date, are given. The reign of this king is said to have terminated in Ś. 602 or 603 (A.D. 680-81).

(S.L.I. No. 99.)

(A.R.M.E., 1906-07, App. A, No. 9—G.O. No. 503, Public,
27th June 1907, p. 10.)

[B.B.R.A.S., 1883-85, Vol. XVI, p. 225.]

Chālukyas. Western 3.

Three copper-plates discovered about 1893 by a servant of Adapalli Venkaṭa Redḍi of Pārlapalli during the ploughing of the land known as Talamanchipāḍu, in Talamanchi village, in the taluk of Kovūr, Nellore district, where a flourishing village is said to have once existed, and presented to the Museum by the owner. They are strung on a ring, the ends of which are secured by a seal bearing in relief a boar much worn.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed being Chālukyan.

The Western Chālukya king Vikramāditya I, son of Satyāśraya (i.e., Pulakēsin II) and grandson of Kīrtivarman and great-grandson of Pulakēsin I, gave the village of Elāsatti, situated to the north of the village of Kolchumkonga, to his guru Śrī Meghachārya.

The grant was made on the auspicious occasion of a solar eclipse in the month of Śrāvaṇa in the sixth year of the king's reign. (Probably 13th July 660 A.D.)

(A.R.M.E., 1906-07, App. A, No. 8—G.O. No. 503, Public, 27th June 1907, p. 10.)

[Ep. Ind., 1907-08, Vol. IX, p. 98.]

Chālukyas. Western 4.

Three copper-plates received from the Collector of Kurnool. They are strung on a ring, the ends of which are secured by means of a seal bearing in relief a boar facing the proper right.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed being Chālukyan.

The Western Chālukya king Vikramāditya Satyāśraya or Vikramāditya I, at the request of the famous king Dēvaśakti of the Sēndraka family, distributed, free of all taxes five hundred and ten *niṣartanaś* of land in a field and a plot of garden land in the village of Rattagiri, on the west bank of the river Andirika, to Keśavasvamin, Prabhakara-śarman, his son, and eight other Brahmans.

Vikramāditya is described as having conquered the three kings, who disturbed his father, by means of a horse of the breed called Chitrakanṭha. His father Mahārāja Satyāśraya is stated to have defeated Śrī Harshavardhana, who had the whole of Northern India under his sway. His grand-father Mahārāja Kīrtivarman is spoken of as having conquered the hostile kings of Vanavāsi and other cities.

The grant was made on the full-moon day in the month of Āshāḍha, in the tenth year of the reign of Vikramāditya I. (Probably A.D. 664.)

(S.L.I., No. 100.)

[B.B.R.A.S., 1883-85, Vol. XVI, p. 227.]

Chālukyas. Western 5.

Three copper-plates found at Tōgerchēḍu, and presented by M.R.Ry. Tōgerchēḍu Ramabhadrayya Gāru of Nandyāl, in May 1915. They are strung on a ring, the ends of which are secured by a seal bearing in relief a standing boar much worn.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed being Chālukyan.

The Western Chālukya king Vinayāditya Satyāśraya, son of Vikramāditya I, having encamped at Pampātīrtha, gave the right of enjoyment of *ādityūṇchha* and *maṣumanna* in the village of Tōgerchēḍu, in the Pedekul vishaya, and of *maṣūṇchha* and *maṣumanna* in the villages of Guḷḷavelēṇḍavu, Ereyūr and Baṭṭeyūr, to Bhīmaśarman, who was well versed in all the Vedās and Śāstras.

Satyāśraya's father Vikramāditya is stated to have taken the city of Kāंची, after defeating the king of the Pallavas.

The grant was made on the full-moon day in the month of Kārtika in celebration of some victory. This happened in the tenth year of the reign of the king Satyāśraya, when the Śaka year 611 was over. (A.D. 689.)

(A.R.M.E., 1914-15, App. A, No. 10—G.O. No. 1260, Public, 25th August 1915, p. 9.)

[B.B.R.A.S., 1883-85, Vol. XVI, p. 231.]

Chālukyas, Western 6.

Three copper-plates received from the Collector of Bellary. They are connected together by means of a thick copper wire.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed being Nagari.

The Western Chālukya king Śrī Vinayāditya Satyāśraya, while encamped at Raktapura, gave, with the object of getting a son, the village of Mitterē, situated in Draupati 70, a subdivision of Vallakunde 300, to a Brahman named Kēśava Trivedi Bhatta.

The grant was made on Monday the 13th tithi in the bright fortnight in the month of Pausa in the year Kalayukta, Ś. 520. The previous grant was issued by this same king in S. 611. This king is believed to have ruled from A.D. 680 to 696 and the present grant is antedated by nearly a century. Either it is spurious or Ś. 520 is a mistake for 620.

(A.R.M.E., 1905-06, App. A, No. 12—G.O. No. 492, Public, 2nd July 1906, p. 9.)

CHOLAS.

Chōlas 1.

Five copper-plates which have been in the Museum for a long time, and have no history. They are strung on a ring, the ends of which are secured by means of a seal bearing in relief a seated tiger facing the proper right. There are two fishes to the right of this. These three figures have a bow below, a parasol and two chāmaras (fly-whisks) at the top and a lamp on each side. Round the margin a śloka is engraved in Grantha characters, which has been translated, "This is the matchless edict of King Parakēsarivarman, who teaches justice to the kings of his realm."

A portion of the inscription is in Sanskrit and the rest is in Tamil. The script employed is a mixture of Grantha and Tamil.

The plates contain an edict issued by the Chōla king Kō-Parakēsarivarman *alias* Uttama Chōladēva, at Kachhippēdu (Conjeeveram), at the request of his minister, to confirm the contents of a number of stone inscriptions, which referred to certain dues to be paid to the temple of Viṣṇu at Kachhippēdu. The villagers of Kūram and Arīyarperumbākkam had to supply five hundred *kaḍi* of paddy per year as interest on two hundred and fifty *kaḷaṅḷu* of gold borrowed by them from the temple treasury. Similarly the inhabitants of the villages near Conjeeveram got loans from the temple treasury and paid interest at the rate of five per cent per

annum. A fresh grant was issued by this same king, which contains the arrangements made for the conduct of the Chittirai festival of the deity in the temple of Uragam, in Kachhippēdu. Two hundred *kaṭāṇḍu* of gold were deposited with the residents of certain villages near Conjeeveram, who were asked to pay a yearly interest of fifteen *kaṭāṇḍu* of gold to meet the expenses. Arrangements made for the several services in the temple are also described.

This Parakēsarivarman was the uncle and predecessor of Rājārāja I and the period may therefore be fixed as the tenth century A.D.

(A.R.M.E., October 1890 to March 1891, p. 4—G.O. No. 452, Public, 10th June 1891.)

Chōlas 2.

Five copper-plates which have been preserved in the Museum for a long time. They are strung on a ring, which carries a signet ring, to which a seal is soldered. It bears, in relief, a standing boar facing the proper right. An elephant goad surmounted by the sun and moon is above the boar and a dagger is to its proper right.

Three inscriptions are recorded in these plates.

The first inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed being Chāḷukyan. It occupies three plates and a portion of the fourth plate.

It records that Śrīkantha, a Chōla Adhirāja (emperor), gave the village of Mandara to Balaśakti, for the regular conduct of worship and offerings to Śiva.

No date is mentioned.

The second and third inscriptions are in Telugu, the script employed being old Telugu. These occupy the remaining portion of the fourth and one side of the fifth plate.

The former records that Balliya Chōla Mahārāja gave Śaśi Satēśvara Bhaṭṭara the enjoyment of the income of the villages named Mandara, Inumbrolu, and Umbaka, on the auspicious occasion of *uttarayana*.

The latter records that Vaidumba Mahārāja gave the village of Kāṭicheruvu, situated in Gaḍapa (twelve), to Nṛttilokēśvara for the sake of *dakṣiṇayana saṅkrānti*.

The grant was made on the *saptami tithi* in the bright fortnight in the month of Aśvādha in Ś. [89]3.

This Śrīkantha traces his descent from Karikāla, the ancient Chōla king, who built steps on the banks of the river Kāvērī and conquered Trilōchana-Pallava. Mention is made of him in Tamil literature.

(S.L.L. No. 174.)

Chōlas 3.

A single copper-plate received from the Collector of Chingleput.

The language and script of the inscription are Telugu.

A king (perhaps Chōla) granted an *agrahāra* to Tirunanniya-puram Krishṇamāchārīar; but Rāyar destroyed it, converted it into four plots of land and constructed a tank. A new village was formed and was named Mannavēdu. This village was given to Naḍavāmpattādy of Salankayanarishi gōtra.

The grant is dated the 22nd day in the month of Vaikāśi in the year Nandana, Ś. 1008, Kali, 4187. These Śaka and Kali years agree with each other, but correspond to the cyclic year Akshaya and not to Nandana. Taking Akshaya as correct, the given data would correspond to 15th May A.D. 1086.

Note.—This and the subjoined eleven grants are more or less similar in character. Two of them are exactly alike, while the rest differ in minor details. These bear a seal at the top of the plates, in which is inscribed, in Persian, 'Rahelilla' which means dharma or charity and another seal at the end of the inscription, in which is inscribed, in Telugu, 'yekkōl Appaji'. These are dated Ś. 1008, 1011 and 1085 to which period they do not paleographically belong. The cyclic and Śaka years mentioned therein do not agree; they are therefore supposed to be forgeries. But R. Sewell has stated in his "List of inscriptions and sketches of the dynasties of Southern India," that these might have been copies of older authentic documents, recording grants confirmed by a Muhammadan chief at the time the copies were taken and therefore bearing his seal. The year A.D. 1089 corresponds with the twenty-fifth year of the sovereign, known as Vīra Chōla, Rāja Vīra, Rāja Rājendra and Kulōttuṅga.

The other side of this plate contains a seal on which is inscribed in Telugu, the name of the king 'Tiruchanguchalārājulu,' and some mantrams.

(S.L.I., No. 15.)

Chōlas 4.

A single copper-plate received from the District Court of Chingleput.

The inscription is in Tamil, the script employed being a mixture of Tamil and Grantha.

The Chōla king Vīraśaṅgudaiyān granted an agrahāra in the Panchanadi village, in Tondaimaṇḍalam, to a Brahman named Kṛishṇamāchāri. Rāyar having destroyed it, sold the plot to Kōṭṭaiyān for two hundred and fifty pons.

The record is dated the 22nd day in the month of Vaikāśi in the year Nandana, Ś. 1008, Kali, 4187. The date probably corresponds to 15th May 1086 A.D. Vide remarks on the date and also note on plate No. Chōlas 3.

(S.L.I., No. 13.)

[T.S.I., 1886, p. 145.]

Chōlas 5

A single copper-plate received from the Collector of Chingleput in 1858.

The inscription is in Tamil, the script employed being a mixture of Tamil and Grantha.

The Chōla king Vīraśaṅgudaiyān constructed an agrahāra in Panchanadisthala and gave it to Aḷagayya. Rāyar destroyed this, dug a tank and divided the tract into four plots. A portion appears to have been sold to Kōṭṭaiyān for one hundred and fifty pons.

The record is dated the 22nd day in the month of Chittirai in the year Manmatha, S. 1011, Kali. 4190. These Śaka and Kāli. years agree with each other but correspond to the cyclic year Śukla and not to Manmatha. Taking Śukla as correct, the given data would correspond to 14th April 1089 A.D. Vide note on plate No. Chōlas 3.

(S.L.I., No. 150.)
[T.S.I., 1886, p. 144.]

Chōlas 6.

A single copper-plate received from the Collector of Chingleput in 1858.

The inscription is in Tamil, the script employed being a mixture of Tamil and Grantha.

An agrahāra was constructed in a site of Panchanadisthala by the powerful Chōla king Viraśaṅgudaiyān and was given to Aḷagayya. Rāyar destroyed this, dug a tank, and divided the tract into four parts. Some portion was sold to Kōṭṭaiyān for one hundred and fifty pons.

The record is dated the 22nd day in the month of Chittirai in the year Manmatha, S. 1011, Kali. 4190. These Śaka and Kāli years agree with each other, but correspond to the cyclic year Śukla and not to Manmatha. Taking Śukla as correct, the given data would correspond to 14th April 1089 A.D. Vide note on plate No. Chōlas 3.

(S.L.I., No. 149.)
[T.S.I., 1896, p. 147.]

Chōlas 7.

A single copper-plate received from the Collector of Chingleput in 1858.

The inscription is in Tamil, the script employed being Grantha.

An agrahāra was constructed in Panchanadisthala in Tondaimaṇḍalam, by the powerful Chōla king Viraśaṅgudaiyān and was given to Aḷagayya. A chief destroyed this agrahāra and converted it into four plots of land, which were sold to Kōṭṭaiyān for one hundred and fifty pons. On the reverse of this plate there is a diagram showing the situation of the land.

The record is dated the 22nd day in the month of Chittirai in the year Manmatha, S. 1011, Kali. 4190. (Probably 14th April 1089 A.D. as S. 1011 corresponds to the cyclic year Śukla.) Vide note on plate No. Chōlas 3.)

(S.L.I., No. 139.)
[T.S.I., 1886, p. 137.]

Cōlas 8.

A single thick copper-plate received from the Collector of Chingleput in 1858.

The inscription is in Tamil, the script employed being Grantha.

The Chōla king Viraśaṅgudaiyān constructed an agrahāra in the village of Panchanadi in the Tondaimaṇḍalam country to the east of Kāñchi and gave it to a Brahman named Aḷagayyar. Rāyar destroyed this and converted it into four plots of land, which were sold to Kōṭṭaiyān for one thousand pons.

The record is dated the twenty-second day in the month of Chittirai in the year Manmadha, S. 1011, Kali. 4190. As S. 1011 happened to be the cyclic year Śukla, the given date would correspond to 14th April 1089 A.D. Vide note on plate No. Chōlas 3.

(S.L.L. No. 140.)

[T.S.L., 1886, p. 140.]

Chōlas 9

A single leaden plate coated with a thin leaf of copper, received from the Collector of North Arcot.

The inscription is in Tamil, the script employed being Grantha.

This is an exact copy of plate No. Chōlas 6. Vide note on plate No. Chōlas 3.

(S.L.L. No. 4.)

[T.S.L., 1886, p. 147.]

Chōlas 10.

A single copper-plate received from the Collector of Chingleput in 1858.

The inscription is in Tamil, the script employed being Grantha.

The Chōla king Virāṅgudaiyan constructed an agrahāra in the village of Panchanadi in the Tondaimaṇḍalam territory east of Kāñchi and gave it to a Brahman named Alagayyar. Rāyar destroyed this and converted it into four plots of land, which were sold to Kōṭṭaiyān for one thousand pons. This is a copy of plate No. Chōlas 8, but the boundaries of the village are given here in addition.

The document is dated the twenty-second day in the month of Chittirai in the year Manmadha, S. 1011, Kali. 4190. As the cyclic year Śukla fell in S. 1011, the date corresponds to 14th April 1089 A.D. Vide note on plate No. Chōlas 3.

(S.L.L. No. 144.)

Chōlas 11.

A single thick copper-plate received from the Collector of Chingleput in 1858.

The inscription is in Tamil, the script employed being Grantha.

The Chōla king Virāṅgudaiyan granted an agrahāra to Alagayyar. Rāyar destroyed this, divided it into four plots and sold them to Kōṭṭaiyān for one thousand pons. This plate, though a copy of plate No. Chōlas 8, contains, in addition, the measurements of the plots.

The document is dated the twenty-second day in the month of Chittirai in the year Manmadha, S. 1011, Kali. 4190. As S. 1011 fell in the cyclic year Śukla, the date corresponds to 14th April 1089 A.D. Vide note on plate No. Chōlas 3.

(S.L.L. No. 143.)

[T.S.L., 1886, p. 142.]

Chōlas 12.

A single copper-plate received from the Collector of Chingleput in 1858.

Both the language and script of the inscription are Telugu.

Trisaka Chōla Mahārāju gave an agrahāra and certain lands in Śavalajāgani village in Tondaimaṇḍalam east of Kāñchī to a Brahman named Tīruvēṇkaṭeśa Ayyar. Rāyar destroyed this and converted it into four plots of land, which were sold to Kōṭṭaiyān for one thousand and fifty pons.

The document is dated the twenty-second day in the month of Kartika in the year Manmadha, Ś. 1011, Kali. 4190. The dates correspond to 17th November 1089 A.D., as Ś. 1011 agrees with the cyclic year Sukla. Vide note on plate No. Chōlas 3. In addition to the two seals already referred to, there is another seal on which is inscribed in Telugu '*Trisakāśōlāmāurāju*.' Some mantrams are inscribed below the seal. Vaishṇava emblems are found on the back of the plate, which originated in the thirteenth century and it is strange to find them in a plate purporting to have been issued in the eleventh century.

(S.L.I., No. 147.)

Chōlas 13.

A single leaden plate coated with a thin leaf of copper, received from the Collector of North Arcot.

The inscription is in Tamil, the script employed being a mixture of Tamil and Grantha.

The Chōla king Virāṅgudaiyān constructed an agrahāra in the village of Panchanadi in Tondaimaṇḍalam east of Kāñchī and gave it to a Brahman named Alagayyar. Rāyar destroyed this, levelled the plot and sold it to Kōṭṭaiyān for one hundred and fifty pons.

The document is dated the twenty-second day in the month of Chittirai in the year Plavanga, Ś. 1011, Kali. 4190 (14th April 1089 A.D.). Vide note on plate No. Chōlas 3.

(S.L.I., No. 177.)

[T.S.L., 1886, p. 141.]

Chōlas 14.

A single copper-plate received from the District Court of Chingleput.

The inscription is in Tamil, the script employed being Grantha.

The Chōla king Virāṅgudaiyān constructed an agrahāra in Panchanadi, east of Kāñchī, and gave it to Krishṇamāchāriayyar. Rāyar destroyed this and sold the plot to Kōṭṭaiyān for five hundred pons.

The document is dated the twenty-second day in the month of Vaikāśi in the year Nandana, Ś. 1085, Kali. 4187. These Kali, Śaka and the cyclic years do not agree with each other. Taking Ś. 1085 as correct, the given date would correspond to 16th May 1163 A.D. Vide note on plate No. Chōlas 3.

[T.S.L., 1886, p. 146.]

Chōlas 15

Seven copper-plates, in the shape of a palm leaf manuscript, received from the Collector of Chingleput. They are strung on a ring, the ends of which are secured by means of a seal bearing two Nāṇḍi (bulls), facing each other, with a trisulam between them.

The inscription is in Tamil, the script employed being a mixture of old Grantha and Tamil.

The plates record the grant of certain lands to the Śiva temple at Nittapinākinallūr by Tāppunatta Mumma Nāyanār.

The grant was issued in the fourteenth year of the reign of Ko-Vīrarājakēsarivarman *alias* Vīra Rājendra Chōla. No date is given. This king was also called Virachōla and Kulōttunga Chōla and commenced his reign in A.D. 1064. The grant must have been issued in A.D. 1078.

(S.L.I., No. 101.)

Chōlas 16.

Three copper-plates presented to the Museum by the Zamindār of Nuzvid in 1873.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed being old Telugu.

Bhakti Bhūpati, who bore the titles of Gaṇḍabheruṇḍa and Rājaveśīyabhujāṅga, gave a Brahman hermit named Viśvanātha the village of Kāṇḍavakolanu.

This Bhakti Rāja traces his descent from Arikāla and his son Karikāla, who conquered all kings between the river Kāvēri and Sētū (Adam's Bridge), captured Bhōja and made Pallavendra blind.

The grant was made on Monday the full-moon day in the month of Kārtika in Ś. 1277 (21st October 1355 A.D.). According to the Ephemeris of Mr. L. D. Swamikannu Pillai the full-moon day in Kārtika in Ś. 1277 fell on Wednesday.

(S.L.I., No. 181.)

GĀNGAS, EASTERN.

Gāṅgas, Eastern 1.

Three copper-plates found suspended by a ring on an iron bar across the mouth of a large pot, discovered in digging the foundations of a wall at Chicacole, in the Ganjām district, and presented to the Museum by Mr. W. F. Grahame, C.S., who purchased them. The ends of the ring, on which the plates are strung, are soldered to the bottom of a seal bearing in relief the legend 'Pitribhaktah'.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed being pre-Chālukyan.

The Eastern Gāṅga king Nandaprabhañjanavarman gave the village of Deyavāṭa, having constructed an agrahāra, to a Brahman named Harischandrasvāmī. The command was issued from the city of Sarapalli.

No date is given in the plates. From paleographical evidence they are very ancient and probably pre-Chālukyan.

(S.L.I., No. 155.)

[Ind. Ant., 1884, Vol. XIII, p. 48.]

Gāngas. Eastern 2.

Three copper-plates found in the village of Kōmarti, in the Chicacole taluk, in the Ganjam district, and received from the Collector of that district. They are strung on a ring, the ends of which are secured by means of a seal, which contains on the countersunk surface, in relief, the legend "*Pitṛibhaktah*."

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed being pre-Chālukyan.

The Eastern Gānga king Chāṇḍavarma gave the village of Kōhetūra, having constructed an *agrahāra*, to a Brahman named Dēvaśarman. The order was issued from Simhapura which is perhaps identical with Singupuram near Chicacole.

The edict was issued on the fifth *tithi* in the bright fortnight in the month of Chaitra in the sixth year of the king's reign.

[Ep. Ind., 1896-97, Vol. IV, p. 142.]

Gāngas. Eastern 3.

Three small copper-plates received from M.R.Ry. Mallapragada Surya Prakāśa Rao of Achyutapuram, near Mukhalingam, in the Ganjam district, who deposited them in the Museum. They are strung on a ring, the ends of which are secured by a seal bearing some indistinct emblems.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed being old Telugu.

The Eastern Gānga king Indravarman *alias* Rājasimha gave a plot of land in a field near Rājatātaka (king's tank) in the village of Siddhārthaka, situated in the district of Varāhavartanī, on the occasion of the consecration of the above tank Rājatātaka in honour of his mother on the occasion of *uttaradyana*.

The edict was issued on the newmoon day in the month of Chaitra in the eighty-seventh year of the reign of the Kalinga dynasty.

[Ep. Ind., 1894-95, Vol. III, p. 127.]

Gāngas. Eastern 4.

Three copper-plates found suspended by a ring on a iron-bar across the mouth of a large pot, which was discovered in digging the foundations of a wall at Chicacole, in the Ganjam district, and purchased by Mr. W. F. Grahame, C.S., who presented them to the Museum. They are strung on a ring, the ends of which are secured by a circular seal bearing on the countersunk surface a much corroded figure, probably a Nāṇḍi.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed being a very old form of Telugu.

The Eastern Gānga king Indravarman gave the village of Tāmā-racheruva, in the Varāhavartanī *vishaya*, having constructed an *agrahāra*, to eleven Brahmans at an eclipse of the moon, on the full-moon day in the month of Mārgaśīra.

The edict was issued on the fifteenth day in the month of Chaitra in the one hundred and twenty-eighth year of the reign of the Kalinga dynasty.

(S.L.I., No. 156.)

[Ind. Ant., 1884, Vol. XIII, p. 119.]

Gāngas. Eastern 5.

Three copper-plates found suspended on an iron-bar across the mouth of a large pot, which was discovered in digging the foundations of a wall at Chicacole, in the Ganjām district, and presented by Mr. W. F. Grahame, C.S., who purchased them from the finder. They are strung on a ring, the ends of which are secured by means of a seal bearing a worn-out figure, probably a Nāndi.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed being a very old form of Telugu.

The Eastern Gānga king Indravarma gave the village of Tāla-mūla, situated in the Korosotaka pañchālī, having constructed an agrahāra, to two Brahmans Skandhaśarma and Laṭitaśarma.

The grant was made on the seventh day in the month of Magha in the one hundred and forty-sixth year of the victorious reign of the Kalinga dynasty; but the edict was issued on the tenth day of the same month referred to above.

(S.L.I., No. 157.)

[Ind. Ant., 1884, Vol. XIII, p. 122.]

Gāngas. Eastern 6.

Three copper-plates found suspended on an iron bar across the mouth of a large pot, which was discovered in digging the foundations of a wall at Chicacole, in the Ganjām district, and presented by Mr. W. F. Grahame, C.S., who purchased them from the finder. They are strung on a ring, the ends of which are secured by means of a seal bearing in relief the figure of a Nāndi couchant, facing the proper right. The moon appears above the Nāndi.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed being South Indian Nāgarī.

The Eastern Gānga king Śrī Dēvēndravarmadēva, son of Mahārāja Anantavarmadēva, gave the village of Tamarachheru, in the Varābhavartanī vishaya to three hundred Brahmans, on the auspicious occasion of a solar eclipse.

The edict was issued in the fifty-first year of the reign of the Gānga dynasty. The plates may be said to belong to the latter part of the eighth century A.D.

(S.L.I., No. 158.)

[Ind. Ant., 1884, Vol. XIII, p. 273.]

Gāngas. Eastern 7.

Three copper-plates found suspended on an iron bar across the mouth of a large pot, which was discovered in digging the foundations of a wall at Chicacole, in the Ganjām district, and presented by Mr. W. F. Grahame, C.S., who purchased them from the finder. They are strung on a ring, the ends of which are held firmly by a seal, bearing in relief the figure of a couchant Nāndi, facing the proper right with a floral device below. The moon is above the Nāndi and an elephant goad is to its proper left.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed being South Indian Nāgarī.

The Eastern Gāṅga king Satyavarmadeva, son of Devēndravarma, gave the village of Tārugrāma, having constructed an agrahāra to a Brahman named Kamalāsana, on the auspicious occasion of a solar eclipse.

The edict was issued in the fifty-first year of the reign of the Gāṅga dynasty.

(S.L.I., No. 159.)

[Ind. Ant., 1885, Vol. XIV, p. 10.]

Gāṅgas. Eastern 8.

Three copper-plates presented to the Museum by Śrī Padmānābha Deo, brother of the Zamīndār of Parlākimedi. They are strung on a ring, the ends of which are secured by means of a seal, bearing in relief a couchant Nāṇḍi facing the proper left, with the moon above. The Nāṇḍi is placed on a pedestal, at the bottom of which, is a lotus flower. Between this flower and the top of the pedestal is the legend '*Śrī Daraparāṇa*.'

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed being a mixture of Nāgarī and old Telugu.

The plates contain the proclamation issued to the people of Laṅkakōṇa by Daraparāja, regent of five districts in the kingdom of Kalinga, declaring the grant of the village of Hossanḍi to Kamadirājaputra, the ornament of Naggari-Saluki family, at the time when the former's daughter was given to the latter in marriage.

The grant was made at the time when the Eastern Gāṅga king Vajrahastadeva ruled the Kalinga kingdom with Kalinganagara as his capital.

The inscription contains no date.

The first side of the first plate contains an inscription of apparently a later date, which records the grant of the village of Homanḍi by Raṇaka Udayakhedin.

[Ep. Ind., 1894-95, Vol. III, p. 220.]

Gāṅgas. Eastern 9.

Three copper-plates received from the Collector of Ganjam. They are strung on a ring, the ends of which are secured by means of a seal, which bears, in relief, a recumbent Nāṇḍi facing the proper right, with the moon above.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed being South Indian Nāgarī.

The Eastern Gāṅga king Devēndravarman, son of Guṇārṇava, gave the village of Poppangika, in Saraumatamba, a subdivision of the district of Kroshtukāvartanī, having constructed an agrahāra, to six Brahman brothers who were well versed in the Sāma Vēda and residing in Kalinganagara. The grant was made at Kalinganagara on the *ashṭami tithi* in the bright fortnight in the month of Magha.

The edict was issued on the twentieth day in the month of Śrāvaṇa in the one hundred and eighty-third year of the reign of the Gāṅga dynasty. Owing to the uncertainty in which the Gāṅga era is still involved, nothing can be said about the date of Devēndravarman.

Gāngas. Eastern 10.

Three copper-plates discovered during the excavation of a site near Alamandā, in the Srungavarapukōta taluk of the Vizagapatam district, and received from the Collector of that district. They are strung on a ring without a seal.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed being very old Telugu.

The Eastern Gānga king Anantavarmadēva, son of Maharāja Rājendravarman, gave the village of Medēlaka, in the Tirikātū-vishaya, to a Brahman named Śrīdhara Bhaṭṭa, at an eclipse of the sun.

The edict was issued in the three hundred and fourth year of the reign of the Gānga dynasty.

[Ep. Ind., 1894-95, Vol. III, p. 17.]

Gāngas. Eastern 11.

Three copper-plates found in an earthen pot buried in a field in the village of Buguda in the Goomsūr taluk, of the Ganjām district. They were sent to Dr. Hultsch by the Collector of Ganjām in 1890 and were subsequently deposited in the Museum. The plates are held together by a ring, on which is soldered a round seal, which apparently contains some writing and an emblem, too worn to be made out with certainty. All the three plates are palimpsests.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed being the Ganjām variety of the northern alphabet.

The Eastern Gānga king Mādhavavarman gave the village of Puipinō, which was in the Khadirapāṭṭaka of the Guḍḍavishaya, to a Brahman named Bhaṭṭa Vāmana, on the occasion of a solar eclipse.

The inscription is not dated.

[Ep. Ind., 1894-95, Vol. III, p. 41; 1902-03, Vol. VII, p. 100.]

Gāngas. Eastern 12.

Three copper-plates received from the Collector of Ganjām. Each plate has a hole, but the ring and seal are missing.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed being Nagari as employed in Orissa and other parts of Northern India.

The Eastern Gānga king Prithivīvarmadēva, son of Mahēndravarmadēva, gave two villages, in Janōravishaya, to a learned Brahman named Subhankara, that he might get an annual income worth four *palās* of silver. The grant was issued from the royal residence at Śvētka.

The grant was made on the occasion of an equinox. The inscription is not dated.

(S.L.I., No. 214.)

[Ep. Ind., 1896-97, Vol. IV, p. 198.]

Gāngas. Eastern 13.

Five copper-plates discovered in 1894 at Naḍagām, a village in the Chicacole taluk, of the Ganjām district, by a cultivator named Sanku Appaṇṇa, when he was working in a field and allowed by

him to be preserved in the Museum. They are strung on a ring, the ends of which are secured by a seal, on which is fixed an image of a Nāṇḁ couchant. A conch shell and a fly-whisk are to the proper right and two swords to the proper left of the Nāṇḁ. The moon is in front and a drum is at the back.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed being Nāgarī of the northern type.

The Eastern Gāṅga king Vajrahasta gave a tract of country, containing twelve villages, and forming a separate district known as Vēlpūrā vishaya, and the village of Nugila, in Koluvartanī, to Paṅgu Sāmaya, his son-in-law, on the very auspicious occasion of *Gōvinda dvādaśī*, which occurs once in sixty years.

Mention is made of king Vajrahasta's coronation ceremony which took place on Sunday, the third *tithi* in the bright fortnight in the month of Vṛishabha in the Śaka year 960 (29th April 1039 A.D.).

The grant was made on the twelfth *tithi* in the bright fortnight in the month of Phālguna in the Śaka year 979 (8th February 1058 A.D.).

[Ep. Ind., 1896-97, Vol. IV, p. 183.]

Gāṅgas. Eastern 14.

Five copper-plates preserved in the Museum for a long time with no history. They are strung on a ring, the ends of which are secured by a seal, above the middle of which is a couchant Nāṇḁ. A dagger, a lampstand and a conch are to the proper right and two fly-whisks and the moon are to the proper left of the Nāṇḁ.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed being old Nāgarī of the northern type.

The Eastern Gāṅga king Anantavarman Vajrahastadēva, son of Kāmārpava II, gave the village of Tāmarachēru, in Varāhavartanī, together with Chikhali hamlet, having constructed an agrahāra, for five hundred learned Brahmans, on the auspicious occasion of an eclipse of the sun. He also gave lands yielding two hundred *murakas* of grain to the temple of Kōtīśvara, for the regular conduct of worship and to meet the cost of offerings. He also ordered that the repairs of the temple were to be attended to by the Brahmans who received the grant.

Mention is made of Vajrahasta's coronation which took place on Sunday the third *tithi* in the bright fortnight in the month of Vṛishabha, Ś. 960.

The grant was made at an eclipse of the sun in Ś. 984 (20th June 1061 A.D.).

(A.R.M.E., 1905-06, App. A, No. 15—G.O. No. 492, Public, 2nd July 1906, p. 9.)

[Ep. Ind., 1907-08, Vol. IX, p. 94.]

Gāṅgas. Eastern 15.

Five copper-plates received from the Collector of Vizagapatam. They are strung on a ring, the ends of which are soldered to a circular seal, above the middle of which is a couchant Nāṇḁ. A liṅga on a yōnī, and a lampstand are to the proper right and an umbrella, two fly-whisks and the moon are to the proper left of the

Nandi. The sun is in front and a damaru (double drum) is at the back of the Nandi.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed being old Kanarese.

King Anantavarman, otherwise called Chodagaṅgadeva of the later Gāṅga dynasty of Kalinga, gave the village of Tamarakhandi, in the Samvā vishaya, to a person named Mādhava who was his dependant. This Chodagaṅgadeva was the ruler of Utkala and lived at the town of Simḍurapōra.

This king was crowned on Sunday, the third *tithi* in the bright-
fortnight in the month of Kumbha in the Ś. 999. The genealogy of the Gāṅga dynasty is given in these plates.

The grant was made on an auspicious day in Ś. 1040 (A.D. 1118).

(S.L.I., No. 219.)

[Ind. Ant., 1889, Vol. XVIII, p. 165.]

Gāṅgas. Eastern 16.

Three copper-plates received from the Senior Assistant Collector of Vizagapatam, and deposited in the Museum by the trustees of the temple of Sangam, subject to their return on demand. They are strung on a ring, the ends of which are secured by a circular seal, above the middle of which is fixed a couchant Nandi much worn. There are some indistinct emblems to the right and left of the Nandi.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed being South-Indian Nāgarī.

King Anantavarman, otherwise called Chodagaṅgadeva of the later Gāṅga dynasty of Kalinga, gave the village of Sumuda with its hamlet named Tittiliṅgi, in the Sammaga vishaya, in the Kalinga dēśa, to a person named Chodagaṅga, a trusty agent of the king.

The grant was made in the month of Vṛiśchika in Ś. 1057 (A.D. 1135).

(S.L.I., No. 213.)

[Ind. Ant., 1889, Vol. XVIII, p. 172.]

GĀṄGAS, WESTERN.

Gāṅgas. Western 1.

Three copper-plates purchased from M.R.Ry. Adembhaṭṭa, a purohit of Penukonda, Anantapur district. They are strung on a ring, the ends of which are secured by a seal bearing in relief on the countersunk surface a standing elephant facing the proper left.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed being old Telugu-Kannaḍa.

The western Gāṅga King Mādhava Mahādhiraḥa II, *alias* Simhavarman, gave sixty-five paddy fields, sowable with twenty-five *khaṇḍakas* of paddy, below the big tank of Paruvi in Paruvi vishaya, to a Brahman named Kumāraśarma of the vatsa gōtra. Paruvi is identified with the village of Parigi, in the Anantapur district.

The grant was made on the full-moon day in the month of Chaitra (lunar). No further details regarding the date are given. This Madhava Mahādhirāja is stated to have been installed on the throne by the Pallava King Skandavarma Mahārāja and Āryavarman, father of Madhava, was installed on the throne by Simhavarma Mahārāja, lord of the Pallava family. These plates are very important as there is mention of two contemporaneous Pallava Kings. Skandavarman appears to have been the son of Simhavarmān and is supposed to have ruled during the latter part of the fifth century A.D. The plates must therefore have been issued at the beginning of the sixth century A.D.

(A.R.M.E., 1913-14, App. A, No. 12—G.O. No. 920, Public,
4th August 1914, p. II.)

Gāngas. Western 2.

Two copper-plates got from M.R.Ry. Rāmayya, a resident of the village of Kōmaraliṅgam, in the Udumalpet taluk, in the Coimbatore district. The third plate, with which these two would have formed a complete set, as well as the ring and seal are missing.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed being old Kanarese.

Rāja Ravidatta, with the permission of Cheramma, gave the village of Puṅgisoge to a Brahman named Divivipra. He also gave several other villages to other Brahmans.

The grant was made on the auspicious occasion of an eclipse of the sun in the month of Phālguna, when the Rāja was encamped in the town of Kīrtipura. No other details regarding the date are given.

(S.L.I., No. 185.)

[Ind. Ant., 1889, Vol. XVIII, p. 362.]

KĀKATĪYAS.

Kākatīyas 1.

Five copper-plates discovered during the excavation of a mound near the temple at Kolaveṇṇu, a village in the Bezwāda taluk, and received from the Collector of Kistna. They are strung on a ring, the ends of which are secured by a small seal bearing the emblems of a boar and the sun and moon.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed being old Telugu.

The plates record the gift of the village of Kolaveṇṇu, on the banks of the river Kistna, to one hundred and thirty Brahmans by the Kākatīya king Gaṇapati, on the auspicious occasion of a solar eclipse. This Gaṇapati was the son of Pōṇṇi Venna, King of Warangal.

The grant was made on the new-moon day in the month of Mīgha in the year Saumya, Ś. 1172. The date corresponds to 3rd February 1250 A.D. according to the Ephemeris of Mr. L. D. Swamikkaṇṇu Pillai, but a solar eclipse is not marked on that day.

MATSYAS.

Matsyas 1.

Five copper-plates found in the village of Dibbida Agrahāram, in the Viravilli taluk, of the Vizagapatam district, and received from the Collector of that district, by Dr Hultsch, who deposited them in the Museum in 1897-98. The plates are strung on a ring, the ends of which are secured by a seal bearing two fishes in relief.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed being intermediate between the latest Eastern Chālukyan and Telugu.

The chief Arjuna, of the Matsya family, granted the village of Drubbidi, having constructed an agrahāra, and renamed it Jayantanārāyaṇapura, to certain Brahmans, for the spiritual welfare of his father Jayanta. The village was divided into twenty-two shares, two were set aside for Hari and Hara, and the remaining twenty were distributed among twenty learned Brahmans.

The names of the line of chiefs from Gaṅga to Arjuna are mentioned in chronological order.

The grant was made on Saturday the *Akshayatri* tithi in the month of Vaiśākha in Ś. 1191 (6th April 1269 A.D.).

[Ep. Ind., 1898-1899, Vol. V, p. 106.]

MYSORE RĀJĀS.

Mysore Rājās 1.

A single copper-plate received from the Collector of Salem.

The language and script of the inscription are Kanarese.

The plate records that, when Śrīmad Rājādhirāja Kṛishṇa Rāja Wadiyar of Mysore was ruling the earth at Śrīraṅgapattana, a body of learned people in the village of Yātāpura, otherwise known as Śrī Rāmasamudra, situated in the district of Belur, in the Salem district, sold a plot of land on which a temple to Śāmba Sadāśiva had been built some time back, together with sites for five houses in the agrahāra and a flower garden lying between the temple and a stream near by, to a Brahman named Channa Rājaiyya, for twenty pieces of gold called madhuragōpāla-chakra varāha.

The deed is dated the thirteenth tithi in the bright fortnight in the month of Jyēṣṭha in the year Jāya, Ś. 1636 (16th May 1714 A.D.).

[Sa. Dist. Man., 1883, Vol. II, p. 431.]

Mysore Rājās 2.

Nine copper-plates received from the Collector of Salem. They are strung on a ring passing through a ring-ear projecting from the middle of the upper end of each plate. There is a hole in the overlapping ends of the ring, which indicates the existence of a seal, which is now missing.

The language of the inscription, on the first five plates and the first side of the sixth plate, is Sanskrit and that on the remaining plates is Kanarese. The script employed is modern Kanarese.

The plates record that Śrī Kṛishna Raja, Mahārāja of Mysore, constructed an agrahāra to the northern side of the temple of Śāringin, at the foot of the hill Śrī Śankhagiri-durga (Sankaridrug) and gave it to thirty-two Brahmans well-versed in the Vedas. He also gave two villages Tāleyūr, *alias* Kṛishnarājapuram, and Maṅguṭtipatti, for their maintenance.

The grant was made on the seventh *tithi* in the dark fortnight in the month of Aśvina in the year Hēmalamba, Ś. 1638 (15th October 1717 A.D.). Hēmalamba corresponds to Ś. 1639.

[Sa. Dist. Man., 1883, Vol. II, p. 403.]

NĀYAKS OF MADURA.

Nāyaks of Madura 1.

A single copper-plate received from the District Court of Madura in 1898.

The language and script of the inscription are Telugu.

Viśvanātha Nāyaka of Madura granted a plot of land near Tirupuvanam, a town in the Sivagaṅga taluk, of the Rāmnad district, to Mullamakūḍam Mullaperoja, for the purpose of maintaining and lighting a mosque, for the use of fakīrs.

The grant was made on the twenty-first day in the month of Chittirai, in the year Raudri, Ś. 1483 (17th April 1560 A.D.).

Nāyaks of Madura 2.

A single copper-plate received from the District Judge of Madura in 1911-12.

Both the language and script of the inscription are Tamil.

The plate records the title-deed granted to Paḷuttāṇḍi Kuppachi Ambalakāraṇ, for the lands owned by him in Munadappu village, in the Paḷḷimaḍam taluk, by Tirumalai-Nāyaka, of Madura, during his camp in that taluk.

The record was granted on the 19th day in the month of Āni in the year Vikṛita (17th June 1650 A.D.).

(A.R.M.E., 1910-11, App. A, No. 5—G.O. No. 832, Public,
28th July 1911, p. 15.)

Nāyaks of Madura 3.

A single copper-plate received from the District Judge of Madura in 1911-12.

Both the language and script of the inscription are Tamil.

Tirumalai-Nāyaka of Madura, when he was encamped in Paḷḷimaḍam taluk, with Kīḷavan Sētupati Muddurāmaliṅga Paṇḍudaiyāṇ Torai, assigned a plot of land in that taluk to Paḷuttāṇḍi Kuppachi Ambalakāraṇ, for his services as watchman of three villages in that taluk.

The assignment was made on the 19th day in the month of Āni in the year Vikṛita (17th June 1650 A.D.).

(A.R.M.E., 1910-11, App. A, No. 6—G.O. No. 832, Public,
28th July 1911, p. 15.)

Nāyaks of Madura 4.

Two copper-plates received from the District Court of Madura in 1898.

Both the language and script of the inscription are Telugu.

Muddu Aḷugari Nāyanigāru, usually called Muttulingappa, the younger brother of Chokkanātha of Madura, gave the village of Śrī Kṛishṇapuram, situated on the northern bank of the river Vaigai, to Ayyāsami Ayya.

Muddu Aḷugari succeeded for one year in dispossessing his brother, while he was at war with Tanjore. This happened when Śrī Vīra Pratāpa Śrī Rāṅga Rāya Mahādēvarāya was ruling at Kanakagiri (Penukonda). Śrī Rāṅga III acceded to his nominal throne in A.D. 1665.

The grant was made on the *Rathasaptami* day in the month of Māgha in the year Kālayukti, Ś. 1600 (8th January 1679 A.D.).

(S.L.L., No. 20.)

Nāyaks of Madura 5.

A single copper-plate received from the District Court of Madura.

Both the language and script of the inscription are Telugu.

Mangammāl, wife of Chokkanātha Nāyaka of Madura, gave the village of Alāṅguḷam *alias* Balakrishṇamahādānapuram, having constructed an agrahāra to several Brahmans, on the auspicious occasion of a lunar eclipse.

The grant was made on the 15th *tithi* in the bright-fortnight in the month of Chaitra in the year Vishu, Ś. 1622. The dates given correspond to 11th April 1701 A.D., but according to Mr. Swāmikanṇu Pillai's Ephemeris there was no lunar eclipse on that day.

(S.L.L., No. 19.)

Nāyaks of Madura 6.

A single copper-plate received from the District Judge of Madura in 1911-12.

Both the language and script of the inscription are Telugu.

Mangammāl, wife of Chokkanātha Nāyaka of Madura, gave some lands to Subbayya-Bhāgavata to maintain a feeding choultry.

This happened when Śrī Vīrapratāpa Vīra-Venkaṭadēva Mahārāya was ruling at Ghanagiri (Penukonda).

The grant was made in the month of Māgha in the year Vishu, Ś. 1623 (A.D. 1702).

(A.R.M.E., 1910-11, App. A, No. 3—G.O. No. 832, Public, 28th July 1911, p. 15.)

Nāyaks of Madura 7.

A single copper-plate received from the Collector of Madura.

Both the language and script of the inscription are Telugu.

Mangammāl, wife of Chokkanātha Nāyaka of Madura, constructed an agrahāra at Vaḷḷiyūr, a village in Panēygudḍa śīma, of the kingdom of Madura, and gave it to a Brahman named Daḷavōy Rāmabhadra Rao.

This happened when Śrī Vīrapratāpa Vīra-Venkaṭadēva Mahārāya ruled at Ghanagiri (Penukonda).

The grant was made on the full-moon day in the month of Pausa in the year Vyaya, Ś. 1628 (6th January 1707 A.D.).

(S.L.I., No. 110.)

Nāyaks of Madura 8.

A single copper-plate received from the District Court of Madura in 1898.

Both the language and script of the inscription are Tamil.

The plate records the construction of a mutt at Tirukkalukundram by Vijayaṅga Chokkanātha Nāyaka of Madura and the proposals for its upkeep.

The record is dated the twenty-first day in the month of Kārtika in the year Hēviḷambi (Hēmalamba), Ś. 1639 (21st November 1717 A.D.).

PALLAVAS.

Pallavas 1.

Eight copper-plates found in 1899, during the digging of a field, in an abandoned village north of Maidavolu, a village in the Narasaraopet taluk, in the Guntūr district, and presented to the Museum by Maidavolu Jayarāmayya, the owner. The plates are strung on a ring by the ends of which is secured an elliptical seal, which bears in relief a couchant bull facing the proper right, with the legend '*Śivaskandavarmanah*' partially worn.

The language of the inscription is Prākṛit, the script employed being old Pallava.

These plates record that the Pallava king Śivaskandavarman, while he was Yuva-Mahārāja, granted a village named Viripara, situated in Andhrāpātha (i.e.) the Telugu country, to two Brahmins.

Viripara must have been situated near Amarāvati, as Śivaskandavarman addressed his order to his father's representative at Dhāṇṇakaḍa, the modern Amarāvati. The grant was issued from Kāñchipura, the capital of the Pallava kings. It is thus indicated that during the time of Śivaskandavarman, the Pallava kingdom was composed of Tondaimaṇḍalam and the Telugu country as far north as the Kistna river.

The grant was made on the fifth *tithi* of the sixth fortnight of summer, in the tenth year of the reign perhaps of Śivaskandavarman's predecessor. The date of Śivaskandavarman may be fixed at about the beginning of the fourth century A.D.

[Ep. Ind., 1900-01, Vol. VI, p. 84.]

Pallavas 2.

Eight copper-plates purchased from Chennappa, a merchant of Hiraḥaḍagalli, in the Bellary district, and deposited in the Museum by the Archaeological Department. The plates are strung on a ring, the ends of which are secured by means of seal bearing, in relief, the figure of an animal now worn away and the legend, '*Śivaskandavarmanah*'.

The inscription is in Prakrit, with the exception of the last line, which is in Sanskrit. The script employed is old Pallava.

The Pallava king Śivaskandavarman of Kānchi confirmed the grant of a garden in Chillerekakoḍuṅka village, made formerly by the great king, the lord Bappa, to certain Brahmans, who resided at Āpiṭṭi and were *bhōjakas* of the village of Chillerekakoḍuṅka. He gave also one *nivartana* of land for a threshing-floor and another *nivartana* for a house, with four labourers and two *kalikas* (slaves), to the Brahmans referred to above.

These plates are important in as much as they show that Prakrit was the court language even in South India. Mr. Fleet has concluded that the kings mentioned in Prakrit grants must belong to an earlier period than those who issued copper-plate grants in Sanskrit.

The grant was made on the fifth day, in the sixth fortnight of the rainy season, in the year eight, perhaps the eighth year of Śivaskandavarman's reign. The date may be fixed in the fourth century A.D.

[Ep. Ind., 1892, Vol. I, p. 2.]

Pallavas 3.

A single copper-plate found buried in a tobacco field, in the village of Dārśi, in the Nellore district, and forwarded to the Museum under G.O. No. 454, Public, 25th June 1890. The other plates of the set are missing.

The language of the inscription is Sanskrit, the script employed being Pallava.

The name of the king who issued the grant is not available as it occurred on one of the missing plates. The existing plate contains the name of his great grandfather Śrī Vīra Kōrchavarman, whose laudatory epithets agree literally with those attributed to the Pallava kings Skandavarman I and Skandavarman II.

The order was issued from the royal residence at Dāsanapura.

[Ep. Ind., 1892, Vol. I, p. 397.]

Pallavas 4.

Five copper-plates which formed part of the unclaimed property of a dead Bairāgi, consequently escheated to Government and received from the Collector of Nellore. The plates are strung on a ring, the ends of which are secured by an almost circular seal, which is much worn. It bears in relief, on the countersunk surface, an animal with its mouth open facing the proper left.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed being old Pallava.

The Pallava king Simhavarman, son of Vishnugōpa and grandson of Skandavarman II, gave the village of Pikira, situated in the district of Mundarāshtra, with the exception of lands enjoyed by temples, to a Brahman named Vilāsaśarma. The order was issued from the royal camp at Menmatura.

The grant was made on the third *tithi* in the bright fortnight in the month of Aśvayuja, in the fifth year of the reign of king Simhavarman, which may be fixed at the beginning of the sixth century A.D.

[Ep. Ind., 1905-c6, Vol. VIII, p. 159.]

Pallavas 5.

Seven copper-plates purchased from the Dharmakarta of the temple in Kūram, a village near Conjeeveram. The first, fifth and sixth plates are much worn and nearly half of the seventh plate is missing. The plates are strung on a ring, to which is attached a seal, bearing, in relief, a recumbent bull, the moon and some other emblems, which have become indistinct. A legend much worn is found on the margin of the seal.

The language in the first four plates and part of the fifth is Sanskrit and that of the remainder is Tamil. The script employed is Pallava.

The Pallava king Paramēśvaravarman I divided the village of Paramēśvaramangalam in twenty-five parts and gave them as follows:—three parts to two Brahmans Anantaśivāchārya and Phullaśarman for performing divine rights and for looking after the repairs of the Siva temple at Kūram, built by Vidyāvinīta Pallava; the fourth part was allotted to meet the cost of providing water and for lighting the maṇḍapa, at Kūram, and the fifth for reciting the Mahabhārata in the same maṇḍapa; the remaining twenty parts were distributed among twenty Brahmans well versed in the four Vedas.

Kūram belonged to Mānyavāntara-rāshṭra of Nirveḷūr, a division of Urukkaṭṭukkōttam and the village of Paramēśvaramangalam belonged to the Patmāmanyavāntara-rāshṭra, a division of Manayirkōttam.

Paramēśvaravarman is stated to have defeated Vikramāditya and Narasimhavarman, grandfather of Paramēśvaravarman, is stated to have defeated Puḷakeśin in the battles of Pariyaḷa, Manimaṅgala and Śūramāra and to have destroyed the city of Vatāpi.

The grant is not dated. Paramēśvaravarman ruled during the latter part of the seventh century A.D.

[S.I.L., 1890, Vol. I, p. 144.]

Pallavas 6.

Five copper-plates purchased from the chief priest of the Vīraṇārāyaṇaperumāḷ temple, at Velūrpalaḷyam, near Arkonam, North Arcot district, who discovered them during the digging of foundations for a building. The plates are strung on a big circular ring, to which is attached a circular seal, which bears a recumbent bull with a lamp-stand on either side. Above the bull are eight symbols, of which the middle one may be taken as Lakṣmī, while the seventh from the proper right is a Svāstika. These are surmounted by two chāmaras (fly-whisks) with a parasol in the middle. Round the margin of the seal is a worn legend in Grantha characters.

The inscription is partly in Sanskrit and partly in Tamil, though the script employed is a mixture of old Tamil and Grantha.

The plates record that at the request of Kumārāṅkuśa 'a jewel of the Chōḷa race', the Pallava king Nandivarman III, son of Dantivarman and grandson of Nandivarman II, granted the village of Tirukkāṭṭuppalḷi to the temple of Śiva, built by his minister Yajña Bhatta, for the purpose of daily worship and offerings and for maintaining a feeding choultry.

Tirukkāttuppallī was situated in Nayarunādu, a subdivision of Purai-kōttam. Tirukkāttuppallī is identical with Kāttuppallī in the Ponnēri taluk, Chingleput district.

The importance of the inscription consists in the fresh facts about the Pallava kings contained in the Sanskrit preamble, as also in the new names Dantivarman and Nandivarman, which it mentions after Nandivarman Pallavamalla with whom the main line of the Pallavas hitherto was supposed to have ended.

The grant was made in the sixth year of the reign of Kō-Vijaya Nandivarman who ruled during the middle part of the ninth century A.D.

(A.R.M.E., 1910-11, App. A, No. 24—G.O. No. 832, Public, 28th July 1911, p. 17.)

[S.I.I., 1917, Vol. II, Part V, p. 503.]

PANDYANS.

Pāndyans 1.

Seven copper-plates preserved in the Museum for a long time without any history. They are strung on a ring without a seal.

The inscription contains two passages in Sanskrit, one at the beginning and another at the end, the script employed being Grantha. The rest is in Tamil, the script employed being Vatteluttu or Chēra-Pāndya alphabet.

The plates record that the Pāndyan king Māravarman, renowned in the world by the name of Jatilavarman (Nedunjaḍaiyān), gave the village of Vēlānguḍi, in Ten-Kalavaḷi-nādu, having changed its name into Śrīvaramaṅgalam, to a Brahman named Sujjāta-Bhaṭṭa, son of Sīhu-Miśra.

This Māravarman is stated to have conquered the Chōlas, the Pallavas and the Kēraḷas. He is said to have conquered and killed the king of Vēṇ and constructed the walls of the city of Karavandapuram.

The grant was made during the seventeenth year of the reign of Nedunjaḍaiyān, another name of Māravarman.

(S.L.I., No. 175.)

[Ind. Ant., 1893, Vol. XXII, p. 57.]

Pāndyans 2.

Four copper-plates received from the Collector of Rāmnād in 1912-1913. They are strung on a ring, the ends of which are secured by means of a seal, bearing the emblems of two fishes with a vētra (cane) between them. The inscription is found on three plates and the fourth plate, which is very small, has a boar engraved on it.

The language of the inscription is Sanskrit, the script employed being Grantha.

The plates record that the Pāndyan prince Abhirāma-Ativirāma granted, at the request of his chief Ayyankārappa, son of Peddappa and grandson of Nāgamanāyaka, who bore the title of Kāncīperādhiśa, two villages Mūvaraikondrān and Śaṭṭalēri, having given them a new name Peddappanāyakasamudram, to sixty-nine Brahmins.

The grant is dated the second *tithi*, in the dark fortnight in the month of Tula in the year Vijaya, S. 1515, in the thirtieth year of the reign of Jaṭilavarman Śrīvallabha (2nd October 1593 A.D.).

(A.R.M.E., 1911-12, App. A, No. 1—G.O. No. 919, Public,
29th July 1912, p. 15.)

REDDI CHIEFS OF KONDAVIDU

Reddi Chiefs 1.

Five copper-plates received from the Collector of Kistna. They have holes on one side, but the ring and seal are missing.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, with the exception of the portion, in Telugu, describing the boundaries of the village of Ātukūru. The script employed is old Telugu.

Vēma surnamed Śrī Pallava Trinētra, who ruled over the country of Pūṅgi, which extended from the eastern slopes of Śrīgiri to the eastern sea, on both sides of the river Kuṇḍi, with his capital at Addanki, gave the village of Ātukūru which was situated on the northern bank of the river Kistna, having constructed an *agrahāra* and renamed it Vēmapuram, to several Brahmins, on the auspicious occasion of an eclipse of the moon.

This Vēma is stated to have restored the *agrahāras*, granted by Pratāparudra, and resumed subsequently by Muhammadan conquerors. This is the only epigraphical reference as yet discovered to the Muhammadan conquest of Warangal. The chief referred to here belongs to the family of Reddi chiefs, who finally settled at Koṇḍavidu. Addanki is a well-known village, in the Ongole taluk, Guntūr district. The village of Ātukūru has been identified with Gani Ātukūru, west of Bezwāda. The river Kuṇḍi is the Guṇḍlakamma.

The grant was made at an eclipse of the moon in the month of Chaitra in S. 1267 (18th March 1345 A.D.).

[Ep. Ind., 1905-06, Vol. VIII, p. 9.]

Reddi Chiefs 2.

Three copper-plates found during the excavation of an old site in the village of Vanapalli, in the Amalāpuram taluk, of the Gōḍavari district, and presented to the Museum by the owner Vissapragāḍa Kṛishṇayya. The plates are strung on a ring, to which is soldered a plain pedestal, on which the recumbent figure of the sacred bull Nāṇḍi is placed.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, and the script employed is old Telugu.

The Reddi chief Anna-Vēma, surnamed Karpūra-Vasāntarāyā, constructed an *agrahāra* in the village of Immaḍilanka and gave that village to Immaḍi, who appears to have been his minister and spiritual preceptor, on the auspicious occasion of *Śivarāthri*.

This Immaḍilanka may be the same as the hamlet Immaḍivāri-lanka, to the north of the village, where these plates were found.

The grant was made on the fourteenth *tithi* in the dark fortnight in the month of Māgha in the year Siddhārthin, S. 1300. The data given correspond to 6th February 1380 A.D.

[Ep. Ind., 1894-95, Vol. III, p. 59.]

Reddi Chiefs 3.

Three copper-plates discovered before 1867 by Mokkaṭṭa Rajappa of Tottaramūḍi, a village in the Amalapuram taluk, of the Godāvart district, during the removal of earth from a ruined house. The plates were deposited in the Museum in 1897-98. They are strung on a broken ring, to which is soldered a flat piece of copper, with the recumbent figure of the sacred bull Nāṇḍi over it. The sun and moon appear on the ring, to the proper right and left of the Nāṇḍi.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed being old Telugu.

The plates record that Kātaya Vēma, who ruled over the Rājamahēndra portion of the Koṇḍavīḍu territory, gave the village of Mallavaram, situated on the bank of the Vṛiddha-Gautamī, in the vicinity of Muktiśvara, in the Kōnadēśa, to a Brahman named Nṛsiṁha.

Kātaya-Vēma was the minister of the Reddi chief Kumāragiri and helped him much in obtaining possession of and governing his ancestral territory. In return for his services, he received from his master, the gift of the eastern country of Koṇḍavīḍu, of which Rājamahēndranagarī was the capital. Historically this inscription is very important as giving a list of Koṇḍavīḍu chiefs down to Kumāragiri and as showing when and under what circumstances the Rājamahēndra portion of the Koṇḍavīḍu territory became detached from it.

The grant was made on the full-moon day in the month of Kārtika in the year Khara, Ś. 1333 (31st October 1411 A.D.).

[Ep. Ind., 1896-97, Vol. IV, p. 318.]

Reddi Chiefs 4.

Five copper-plates received from the Collector of Kistna. They are strung on a ring, the ends of which are secured by means of a rectangular plate, on which a couchant Nāṇḍi facing the proper right is placed. The sun and moon are found on the side of the ring below the plate to the proper left of the Nāṇḍi.

The language of the inscription is Sanskrit, the script employed being old Telugu.

The plates record the grant of the village of Ālapāḍu or Ālapāḍu Vēmavaram, by Pedda Kōmaṭi Vēmareḍḍi of Koṇḍavīḍu, to the scholar Viśveśvara Bhaṭṭa. Ālapāḍu is said to be on the eastern bank of the Tungabhadra river, in Vēlavāṇḍu, in the Trilinga or the Telugu country and is no doubt identical with the village of that name in the Tenali taluk.

This Pedda Kōmaṭi Vēma was the son of Pedda Kōmaṭi and grandson of Mācha, who was the elder brother of Vēma, the founder of the Reddi dynasty. He was the fifth chief of his dynasty and was the reputed author of Śringāradīpikā, a Sanskrit commentary on the poem Amaruka Kāvya. The donee is said to be the great grandson of Madhava. The inscription was composed by Śrīnātha, who was the court pandit of Pedda Kōmaṭi Vēma. The grant bears the signature of Vīranārāyaṇa, which was Vēma's chief title.

The grant was issued on the *Śivarātri* day in the year Nandana, S. 1334. (31st January 1413 A.D.)

Appended to this grant is another inscription which records that on the very day of the grant, Viśveśvara Bhaṭṭa divided the village referred to above, into sixty shares and gave away forty-five, four for his daughter, two for the village gods and the rest to certain Brahmans whose names and gōtras are given.

(A.R.M.E., 1908-09, App. A, No. 6—G.O. No. 538, Public, 28th July 1909, p. 11.)

Redḍi Chiefs 5.

Seven copper-plates discovered in 1887, deposited in a small square receptacle in a brick mound in the village of Koṅkuduru, five miles north of Rāmachandrapuram, in the Gōdāvarī district. They were unclaimed and the Collector of Gōdāvarī sent them to Dr. Hultzsch, who deposited them in the Museum in 1897-98. They are strung on a ring, the ends of which are secured by means of a pedestal over which is a recumbent Nāṇḍi facing the proper right. The sun and moon are on the pedestal in front of the Nāṇḍi.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed being old Telugu.

The Redḍi chief Allaya-Doḍḍa of Rajamahendra granted the village of Gumpiṇi, after renaming it Allāḍa-reddidoḍḍavaram, to several Brahmans on the auspicious occasion of *Arḍhāḍaya*.

The grant was made on the new-moon day in the month of Pausa in the year Sādhārāṇa, S. 1352 (14th January 1431 A.D.).

[Ep. Ind., 1898-99, Vol. V, p. 53.]

SĀLĀNKĀYANĀS.

Sālānkāyanās 1.

Four copper-plates preserved in the office of the Head Assistant Collector of Narasapur and received from the Collector of Kistna. They are strung on a ring, the ends of which are secured at the base of an oval seal, which is very much worn.

The inscription is in Prākṛit, the script employed being that of the cave alphabet.

The Sālānkāyana king Vijaya-Dēvavarman of Vēṅḡipura gave twenty *nivartanas* of land near Ēlūra, together with a site for a house and a site for the houses of servants, to a Brahman named Gaṇaśarman. Vēṅḡipura has been identified with Pedd-Vēḡi, a village near Ellore, in the Gōdāvarī district. Ēlūra is modern Ellore.

The grant was made on the tenth *tithi* in the dark fortnight in the month of Pausa, in the thirteenth year of the reign of Vijaya-Dēvavarman. On paleographical grounds the date may be assigned to about the fourth century A.D.

[Ep. Ind., 1907-08, Vol. IX, p. 56.]

SĀLUVAS.

Sāluvas 1.

Two copper-plates received from the Collector of Chingleput. Both the language and script of the inscription are Tamil.

Two mudaliyārs stole properties from the palace of the Rāyar at Kalattūr, during the time of Virapratāpa-yo-balarāyar and other Rāyas of the Sāluva dynasty, but were arrested and ordered to be executed. But owing to the intervention of Tangaśālai Tambuśettīār, they were released on their paying each a fine of one thousand pons. On the recommendation of Tambuśettīār, Rāma Rāya gave this charter to the two mudaliyārs, as authority to guard two out of the fourteen villages owned by him and in return authorized them to collect for themselves a handful of each kind of grain brought to the market for sale and to get their food from the palace.

The document was written at the dictation of the Rāyar in the presence of Sāluva Kappa Rāja and Ranga Rāja. This Kalattūr is the same as Kalattūr in the Chingleput district.

The charter was granted on the twelfth day in the month of Paṅguni in the cyclic year Prabhava, Ś. 1488. (8th March 1568 A.D.) The cyclic year Prabhava corresponds to Ś. 1489.

(S.L.I., No. 17.)

[T.S.I., 1886, p. 156.]

SĒTUPATIS.

Sētupatis 1.

A single copper-plate received from the District Judge of Madura in 1911-12.

Both the language and script of the inscription are Tamil.

The plate records the gift of five villages to the temple of Rāmanātha and Parvatavardhanī, at Rāmeśvaram, for worship and offerings, by Daḷavōy Sētupati Kāttadēvar, Rāja of Rāmnād, on a new moon day.

The grant was made on the sixteenth day in the month of Kārtika in the year Prabhava, Ś. 1529 (20th November 1606 A.D.).

(A.R.M.E., 1910-11, App. A, No. 11—G.O. No. 832, Public, 28th July 1911, p. 16.)

Sētupatis 2.

A single copper-plate received from the District Judge of Madura in 1911-12.

Both the language and script of the inscription are Tamil.

Daḷavōy Sētupati Kāttadēva, Rāja of Rāmnād, gave eight villages near Pāmban to the temple of Rāmanātha and Parvatavardhanī in the island of Rāmeśvaram, for the regular performance of pūja and offerings.

The grant was made on the new-moon day, the eighth day in the month of Aḍi in the year Plavaṅga, Ś. 1530 (8th July 1607 A.D.) The cyclic year Plavaṅga corresponds to Ś. 1529.

(S.L.I., No. 32.)

(A.R.M.E., 1910-11, App. A, No. 12—G.O. No. 832, Public, 27th July 1911, p. 16.)

Sētupatis 3.

A single copper-plate received from the District Court, Madura, in 1898.

Both the language and script of the inscription are Tamil.

Tirumalai Uḍaiyār Sētopati, Rāja of Rāmnād, gave a plot of land west of Rāmanāthasvāmi temple and east of the temple of Daśarī-nātha, in the island of Rāmeśvaram, to the servants of the Rāmanāthasvāmi temple.

The grant was made on the fourth *tithi* in the bright fortnight in the month of Aḍi in the year Plavaṅga, Ś. 1529 (18th July 1607 A.D.).

Sētopatis 4.

A single copper-plate received from the District Judge of Madura in 1911-12.

Both the language and script of the inscription are Tamil. The letters are curiously engraved.

Hiranyagarbha Ravikula Sētopati, Rāja of Rāmnād, ordered that Muthuvijayaṅ ṣervai should get food every day from the temple, in appreciation of his having dragged the king's elephant by its tail.

This happened when the Nāyaka chief Tirumala Nāyaka ruled at Madura.

The charter was granted on the tenth day in the month of Āni in the year Prabhava. (Probably 8th June 1627 A.D.)

(A.R.M.E., 1910-11, App. A, No. 16—G.O. No. 832, Public, 28th July 1911, p. 16.)

Sētopatis 5.

A single copper-plate received from the District Judge of Madura in 1911-12.

Both the language and script of the inscription are Tamil.

Śrī Tirumalai Raghunātha Sētopati, Rāja of Rāmnād, gave a plot of land near Kaḷayārkōvil to a Brahman named Ahobalāyya.

This Sētopati is said to have performed the Hiranyagarbha sacrifice and the grant was made at Dhanushkōṭi.

The grant was made on the new-moon day in the month of Pushya in the year Viḷambi, Ś. 1579 (12th January 1659 A.D.).

(A.R.M.E., 1910-11, App. A, No. 10—G.O. No. 832, Public, 28th July 1911, p. 15.)

Sētopatis 6.

A single copper-plate received from the District Judge, Madura, in 1898.

Both the language and script of the inscription are Tamil.

Śrī Raghunātha Tēvar, Rāja of Rāmnād, granted certain lands near Sundarapāṇḍiyanpaṭṭaṇam, for the maintenance of a muṭṭ, on the auspicious occasion of a solar eclipse.

The grant was made on the new-moon day in the month of Pushya in the year Rudhirōdgari, Ś. 1605. The given data correspond to 6th January 1684 A.D.; but according to the Ephemeris of Mr. Swamikannu Pillai, there was no solar eclipse on that day.

Sētopatis 7.

A single copper-plate received from the District Judge, Madura in 1893.

Both the language and script of the inscription are Tamil.

Śrīmad Hiranyagarbhayaḥ Raghunātha Sētopati, Rāja of Rāmnād, gave the village of Kaḷḷikuḷi and some other plots of land near Puḍukkōṭṭai, in Madura district, to the temple of Viśvēśvara, in Eluvapūri.

The grant was made on the full-moon day in the month of Vaiśākha in the year Raktākṣi, S. 1606, Kali. 4785 (19th April 1684 A.D.).

Sētopatis 8.

A single copper-plate received from the District Judge of Madura in 1911-12.

Both the language and script of the inscription are Tamil.

Muthu Vijayaraghunātha Sētopati, Rāja of Rāmnād, gave the village of Attiyōttu, *alias* Muthuvijaya-raghunātha sētopati bhūpalapuram, and fourteen houses to fourteen Brahmans.

The grant was made at Dhanushkōṭi on the new-moon day in the month of Māgha in the year Vijaya, Ś. 1635 (3rd February 1714 A.D.).

(A.R.M.E., 1910-11, App. A, No. 9—G.O. No. 832, Public,
28th July 1911, p. 15.)

Sētopatis 9.

A single copper-plate received from the District Court of Madura.

Both the language and script of the inscription are Tamil.

Śaṣivarna Periya Uḍaya Tēvar otherwise known as Vijayaraghunātha, Rāja of Rāmnād, constructed a mutt on a bank of the river Vaigai and gave a plot of land for its maintenance to Satyavāchakasvāmi, who came from Chidambaram.

This Sētopati, it is stated, brought Jaffna under his control.

The grant was made on the twenty-sixth day in the month of Kārttigai in the year Ananda, Ś. 1655, Kali. 4834 (26th November 1734 A.D.). This cyclic year Ananda corresponded to Ś. 1656.

Sētopatis 10.

A single copper-plate received from the District Judge of Madura in 1898.

Both the language and script of the inscription are Tamil.

Muttukumāra Vijayaraghunātha Sētopati, Rāja of Rāmnād, gave the village of Gōvīndarājasamudra as *sarvamānya* to a Brahman named Ramaṇayya on a new-moon day.

The grant was made at Dhanushkōṭi on the new-moon day in the month of Tai in the year Nāḷa, S. 1658 (19th January 1737 A.D.).

(S.L.I., No. 23.)

Sētopatis 11.

A single copper-plate received from the District Judge of Madura in 1898.

Both the language and script of the inscription are Tamil.

Śrī Muttu Vijayaraghunātha Sētopati, Rāja of Rāmnād, gave the village of Karūkkatti, otherwise known as Muthurāmaliṅgapuram, to Maṅgaḷēśvara gurukka, on the occasion of a lunar eclipse.

The grant was made on the full-moon day in the month of Vaiśākha in the year Vikrama. S. 1682 (29th May 1760 A.D.).

Setupatis 12.

A single copper-plate received from the District Court of Madura in 1898.

Both the language and script of the inscription are Tamil.

Muttu Raghunātha Sētopati, Rāja of Rāmnād, gave a portion of Ariyakkudi village to Chandrasekharādhāni.

The grant was made on Sunday, the *Suklanavami*, in the month of Jyeshtha, in the year Subhānu, S. 1685 (19th June 1763 A.D.).

Sētopatis 13.

A single copper-plate received from the District Judge of Madura in 1911-12.

Both the language and script of the inscription are Tamil.

Muttu Rāmalinga Vijayaraghunātha Sētopati, Rāja of Rāmnād, gave a portion of land to Veṅkaṭa Nārāyaṇappayya for a feeding choultry and for maintaining a water-shed.

The grant was made on the twenty-first day in the month of Āvaṇi in the year Vikṛita, S. 1692 (2nd September 1770 A.D.).

(A.R.M.E., 1910-11, App. A, No. 7—G.O. No. 832, Public,
21st July 1911, p. 15.)

Sētopatis 14.

A single copper-plate received from the District Judge of Madura in 1911-12.

Both the language and script of the inscription are Tamil.

The plate records an agreement made between the Dharma-karta called Rāmanātha Pandāram and the five hundred and twelve Mahājanas of the Rāmeśvaram temple.

The circumstances under which the agreement was made were as follows:—The villages owned by the temple were resumed by Asarat Nawāb, when he captured the Sētopati and took him as a captive to Trichinopoly. The temple servants went to Chennapaṭnam, paid homage to Dewan Rayar and Asarat Nawāb, and got back the villages.

The events related here refer to the year 1773, when according to Mr. Sewell, Muthu Rāmalinga Sētopati was defeated by an English force under General Joseph Smith, his territory subdued on behalf of the Nawāb of Trichinopoly, and the infant Sētopati, his mother and sister were removed from Rāmnād and kept at Trichinopoly under surveillance.

This arrangement was made on the seventeenth day in the month of Āvaṇi in the year Naṇḍana. (The given data correspond to 29th August 1772 A.D.)

(A.R.M.E., 1910-11, App. A, No. 14—G.O. No. 832, Public,
28th July 1911, p. 16.)

Sētopatis 15.

A single copper-plate received from the District Court of Madura in 1898.

Both the language and script of the inscription are Tamil.

Vijayaraghunātha Śivanna Periya Uḍaiyāttēvar, Rāja of Rāmnād, gave the village of Uḍaiyanyēndal in the province of Ponnakkula to Moṭṭai Pakkiri Sahib of Sivaganga.

The grant was made on the fifth day in the month of Chittirai in the year Śobhakṛit, Ś. 1706, Kali. 4885. Śobhakṛit corresponds to Ś. 1705 (14th April 1783 A.D.).

Sētopatis 16.

A single copper-plate received from the Collector of Madura.

Both the language and script of the inscription are Tamil.

Vijayaraghunātha Periya Uḍaiyā Tēvar, Sētopati, constructed a maḍa and an agraḥāra in the village of Veṭṭakkāranpaṭṭi, on the road to Rāmēśvaram, and gave them to Brahmans. There, he opened a watershed and a small garden and for their maintenance gave, rent free, a plot of land called Tānāvayal, in the village of Ukkadai, in the Amaraṇvati district.

This Sētopati is here described as having conquered Chōḷadēsa and Tondaimaṇḍala.

The grant was made on the twenty-fourth day in the month of Tai in the year Piṅgaḷa, Ś. 1721, Kali. 4900 (3rd February 1798 A.D.).

SULTANS OF DELHI.

Sultans of Delhi 1.

A single copper-plate received from the Collector's office, South Arcot. The figures of Śrī Varāha, Hanumān and Garuḍa are engraved on the top of the plate.

The language and script of the inscription are Telugu.

The plate records that under the orders of the Emperor Farrukhsiyar (Parukusaha Padusaha) at Delhi, Śrīnivāsa Dāsa, the protégé of Tōdarmall, a deputy of the Emperor, gave the villages of Kīḷapuliyaṅguḍy, Puṭṭūr, Neduñjēri, and Malayāmbuttu, situated in the śīma of Kavanūr, to the temple of Varahasvāmi at Śrīmushnam, for the regular conduct of worship and festivals connected with the temple.

These villages were in the Cheñji prānta, in the Tiruvaḍi Rājya, belonging to Padavīḍu nāḍu. Śrīmushnam is seventeen miles from Chidambaram.

The grant was made on the occasion of *Vṛishabāha sankrānti* in the year Jaya, Ś. 1637. The cyclic year Jaya corresponds to Ś. 1636 (29th April 1714 A.D.).

There is a Persian * inscription on the back of the plate, which records that on the first of Jamādi-Ussāni of the second year of the accession to the throne of the Emperor Farrukhsiyar, Śrīnivāsa Dās, the protégé of Todar Mall and Dewan and Subēdār of His Excellency Nawab Saadat-Ullah Khan, Nawab of the Carnatic, gave five villages, viz., Kīḷapuliyaṅguḍy and others in the parganaḥ of

* A translation of this Persian inscription was kindly furnished by Mr. K. Amrita Rao, M.A., Presidency College, Madras.

Śrīmushṇam, to the God Bhūvarāhasvāmi of Śrīmushṇam. These villages lay within the jurisdiction of the Rāja of Tanjore and intended by him for Bhūvarāhasvāmi.

Śrīnivāsa Dās was a resident of Tīnḍivanam.

(S.L.I., No. 68.)

TANJORE RĀJAS.

Tanjore Rājas 1.

A single copper-plate received from the Collector's office, Tanjore.

Both the language and script of the inscription are Tamil.

Baboji Paṇṭ, minister of Sahāji, son of Ēkōji, Rāja of Tanjore, divided the village of Ūtaḍayānṣeṭṭivayal Seyyāngamaḍai Mutukāḍu into fifteen shares, gave it a new name Rāmanāthapuram, and distributed them among fourteen Brahmans and a mutt.

This village was situated to south of the river Viṇa, a branch of the river Kāvēri. Ēkōji was half brother to the Maratha ruler Sivāji and became the Rāja of Tanjore in 1675 A.D.

The grant was made on the fourth day in the month of Chittirai in the year Yuva, Ś. 1617, Kali. 4796 (2nd April 1695 A.D.).

VIJAYANAGARA KINGS.

Vijayanagara Kings 1.

A single copper-plate received from the Collector of Bellary. On the top of the plate there is a varāha facing the proper right. The sun and moon are to the proper left and right of the varāha.

The language of the inscription is Kanarese, the script employed being old Kanarese. The document is inscribed with lines alternately upside-down.

The plate records that the Vijayanagara King Śrī Bukka Deva Rāya Mahārāya gave the uncultivated portions of the villages of Gaḍipāḍu and Brahmapurī, situated in the śīma of Paraganī and Adahani, which formed a part of the Kanarese portion of the kingdom of Vijayanagara, to Rāmana Gauḍa, Bādana Gauḍa, Bāyappa, Śaṅkarāchārya, Nāralalīṅga Redḍi and Rājappa, so that they might construct an agrahāra for them and temples for Hanumān and Virabhadra, and other gods. The king ordered that the new village so formed must be known by the name of 'Sāgara'.

The grant was made on the twelfth *tithi* in the bright fortnight in the month of Śrāvaṇa in the year Jaya, Ś. 1011. The cyclic year Jaya fell on S. 1036 (16th July 1114 A.D.). Bukka's reign commenced in A.D. 1336 and the Śaka year mentioned in the grant is incorrect.

On the reverse of the plate there is an inscription which records that Rāmana Gauḍa and Bādana Gauḍa borrowed three-hundred naṇaka varāhas from Rama Redḍi for the construction of houses in the newly granted plot.

(S.L.I., No. 124.)

Vijayanagara Kings 2.

A single copper-plate received from the Collector of Bellary. The figures of the sun and moon are seen at the top of the plate.

Both the language and script of the inscription are Telugu.

The plate records that Jagadāpi Gutty-durga province was conferred upon Mahāsāyankāchārya Tālavākili Jōgināyaka by Sampatī Tipparājayya, and that with the sanction of this Tipparājayya many villages including Kambadūru and several hamlets were founded, and that the holdings of the several village officers and servants were settled as mentioned therein.

The grant is dated the tenth *tithi* in the bright fortnight in the month of Āśvayuja in the year Jaya in Ś. 1109. The given data would correspond to 8th September 1174 A.D., as the cyclic year Jaya fell in Ś. 1096, when Rājādhirāja Paramēśvara Virapratāpa Vijaya Bukkarāya ruled at Vijayanagara. This is evidently a forgery, as no king of this name is known to have reigned at this period. Moreover the characters are much too late for this date.

Vijayanagara Kings 3.

Three copper-plates received from the Collector's office, Nellore. They are strung on a ring without a seal.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed being Nandināgarī.

The plates record that after the coronation, which took place on the seventh *tithi* in the bright fortnight in the month of Vaiśākha in the year Dhāttri, Ś. 1258, the Vijayanagara king Harihara Mahārāja founded an agrahāra in the village of Kāpalūr, situated in the kingdom of Chandragiri, in Paḍanādu śīma, through which the river Svarṇamukhi flowed, and gave it to a Brahman named Ananta Sūraya. He received the agrahāra, divided it into sixty *ṛittis*, retained thirty for himself, and distributed thirty to several Brahmans.

The circumstances under which king Harihara founded the city of Vidyānagara (Vijayanagara) are also given.

The grant was made soon after the coronation which took place on the seventh *tithi*, in the bright fortnight in the month of Vaiśākha, in the year Dhāttri, Ś. 1258 (18th April 1336 A.D.).

(S.L.L. No. 79.)

(A.R.M.E., 1906-07, App. A, No. 3—G.O. No. 503, Public, 27th June 1907, p. 10.)

[II Nel. Dist., 1905, p. 109.]

Vijayanagara Kings 4.

Five copper-plates without a ring received from the Collector of Nellore.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed is old Telugu.

The plates record that, on the orders of his preceptor Srikanṭhānātha, the Vijayanagara king Sangama II gave to thirty Brahmans well versed in the Vedas the village called Bittarakuṇṭa at a distance of three yojanās north of Vikramasimhapura in the Pakavishaya, having constructed an agrahāra and renamed it

Srikanthapura. The preceptor caused the king to give also the village of Simkēsari, which was on the northern bank of the river Pennār, in the country of Mūliki.

The grant was made on the occasion of his father's annual ceremony. The plates are important as they give information regarding the correct genealogy of the first Vijayanagara dynasty. This village of Bittarakunṭa is the same as Bitragunṭa, a railway station in the North-East line of the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway. Simkēsari may be identical with Sunkesaru near Pushpagiri in the Cuddapah district.

The record is dated the new-moon day in the month of Jyēshṭha in the year Durmukha, Ś. 1278 (30th May 1356 A.D.).

(S.L.I., No. 58.)

[Ep. Ind., 1894-95, Vol. III, p. 21.]

Vijayanagara Kings 5.

Three copper-plates received from the Collector of Kurnool. They are strung on a ring, which carries a signet ring to which a seal is soldered. The seal has a seated Naṇḍi over it. Just below the Naṇḍi, the sun and moon appear on the side of the seal to the proper right and left of the Naṇḍi. A dagger is found on the side of the seal just in front of the Naṇḍi.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed being Naṇḍi-nāgarī.

The plates record that the Vijayanagara king Śrī Bukka Rāya gave, on the auspicious occasion of an eclipse of the sun, the village of Gaḍigēreḷu *alias* Bukkarāyapuram, situated in the Pedakallu sīma in the province of Panādrī, to a Brahman named Somajiya for the regular conduct of worship and festivals and other duties connected with the temple of Bhairava built in that village.

The grant was made on the new-moon day in the month of Chaitra in the year Plava, Ś. 1285. The data given correspond to 5th April 1361 A.D., but there was no solar eclipse on that day according to the Ephemeris of Mr. L. D. Swamikannu Pillai. There was one solar eclipse on the 5th May 1361 A.D. The cyclic year Plava corresponds to Ś. 1283.

(S.L.I., No. 220.)

Vijayanagara Kings 6.

A single copper-plate received from the Collector's office, Kurnool. Another small plate on which appear embossed, the sun, moon, a Naṇḍi, a linga, and a deity, is soldered to the top of this plate.

The language and script of the inscription are Telugu.

When king Virapratāpa Śrī Bukkadīva Rāya Mahārāya ruled at Vijayanagara, a plot of land was given to Bhīma Liṅgaṇṇa Gōne.

The grant was made on the twelfth *tithi* in the dark fortnight in the month of Kārtika in the year Anandā, Ś. 1293. The cyclic year Anandā corresponds to Ś. 1295 (3rd September 1374 A.D.).

(S.L.I., No. 228.)

Vijayanagara Kings 7.

Three copper-plates received from the Collector's office, Nellore. They are connected by a ring without a seal.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed being old Telugu.

These plates record that under the orders of the Vijayanagara king Devarāja, son of Harihara, his minister gave a plot of land measuring fifteen *mandyas* in extent in the village lying on either side of the river Auḍāla near Parachūr village in the province of Addaṅki to a Brahman named Chennu Bhaṭṭa.

These plates were not granted by Dēvarāya but by his son Yuvarāja Rāmachandra, who was the lord of Udayagiri, at the request of the donee. The river Auḍāla is between Guntūr and Addaṅki.

This charter was granted on the full-moon day in the month of Jyēshtha in the year Pramōda, Ś. 1312 (29th May 1390 A.D.).

(A.R.M.E., 1906-07, App. A, No. 1—G.O. No. 503, Public,

27th June 1907, p. 10.)

[II Nel. Dist., 1905, Vol. I, p. 1.]

Vijayanagara Kings 8.

Three copper-plates received from the Collector's office, Kurnool. They are strung on a ring with another ring to which a seal is soldered. It bears the figure of Vāmana with a dagger and the moon to the proper left and the sun to the proper right.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed being Nandināgarī.

The Vijayanagara king Śrī Dēvarāya having renamed the village of Khairappulu as Dēvarāyapura gave half of it to the Vīrabhadrasvāmi temple in Mānasavadāvani (perhaps Adōni) for its maintenance and having divided the remaining half into twenty-five shares, gave them to twenty-five Brahmans. He also constructed an agrahāra in Mānasavadāvani and gave it to these twenty-five donees.

The grant was made on the *Utthāna-dvādāśī* day in the month of Kārtika in the year Vikriti, Ś. 1332 (8th November 1410 A.D.).

(S.L.I., No. 221.)

Vijayanagara Kings 9.

Three copper-plates without a ring received from the Head Assistant Collector, North Arcot.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed being Grantha.

The plates record that Śrīgiribhūpāla or Śrīgiriṇdra, who was the brother of Śrī Dēvarāya II of Vijayanagara and ruled the country which had its capital at Maratakupuri, gave the village of Nīpataṭāka otherwise known as Vijayarāyapuram to a Brahman named Sampatkumārapaṇḍita, who was well versed in the Ayurvēda. This Pandit divided the village into fifty-six shares, gave two to temples, retained one for feeding Brahmans and twenty-two for his own use, and distributed the rest to his brothers, relatives and learned men.

This Nīpatatāka is the same as Kaḍappēri situated in the Walajapet taluk, North Arcot district.

The grant was made on the *Utthāna-dvādaśī* day in the year Krōdhin, Ś. 1346 (3rd November 1424 A.D.).

(S.L.I., No. 82.)

(A.R.M.E., 1905-06, App. A, No. 16—G.O. No. 492,
Public, 2nd July 1906, p. 9.)

[Ep. Ind., 1905-06, Vol. VIII, p. 306.]

Vijayanagara Kings 10.

Five copper-plates received from the Collector of Nellore. They are connected by a ring without a seal.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed being Nandināgarī.

The plates record that at the request of Paṇṭa Mailāra, a vassal chief of the Redḍi caste, the Vijayanagara King Pratāpa Dēvarāya gave the village of Pōlavaram, situated on the banks of the river Kuṇḍi (Gundalakāma) in the Pūṅgi-nāḍu-vishaya, having renamed it Chējerla, to learned Brahmins.

Chējerla is a village in the Ongole taluk, Guntūr district.

The grant was made on the *Śivarātri* day in the month of Māgha in the year Kīlaka, Ś. 1351 (2nd February 1429 A.D.).

(S.L.I., No. 87.)

(A.R.M.E., 1906-07, App. A, No. 6—G.O. No. 503,
Public, 27th June 1907, p. 10.)

[II Nel. Dist., 1905, Vol. I, p. 149.]

Vijayanagara Kings 11.

Three copper-plates without a ring found in the village of Chilakala in the Nandyal taluk and received from the Collector of Kurnool.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed being Nandināgarī.

The plates record that the Vijayanagara King Immaḍi Dēvarāya or Immaḍi Praudha Dēvarāya Mallikārjuna gave the village of Odduganḍla, in the Pāṇeyadēśa of the Guttirājya, to a number of Brahmins.

The grant was made on the *Utthāna-dvādaśī* day in the month of Kārtika in the year Pramāthi, Ś. 1381 (7th November 1459 A.D.).

Vijayanagara Kings 12.

Three copper-plates without a ring found in the village of Nīlulēni Timmāpuram and received from the Tahsildar of the Gooty taluk of the Anantapur district.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed being Nandināgarī.

The plates record that the Vijayanagara king Sri Mallikārjuna, surnamed Immaḍi Praudha Bhūpāla, gave the village of Liṅgāla, having renamed it Immaḍi-praudha-bhūpālapuram, situated in the province of Panugall, to certain Brahmins.

The grant was made on the *Gōkulāṣṭami* day in the month of Śrāvaṇa in the year Vishu (Vriṣha), Ś. 1383 (30th July 1461 A.D.).

(A.R.M.E., 1907-08, App. A, No. 5—G.O. No. 574, Public,
17th July 1908, p. 11.)

Vijayanagara Kings 13.

Three copper-plates preserved in the Museum with no history. They are strung on a ring, a portion of which is flattened in the form of a circle, on which is engraved '*Śrī Virūpāksha*'.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed being *Dēvanāgarī*.

The Vijayanagara King Śrī Vīra Praudha Dēva Rāya constructed an agrahāra in Śrīnivāsapura, a village near Chandragiri, and gave it to Rāmachandra Dīkshita and other Brahmins, on the auspicious occasion of a solar eclipse.

This agrahāra was constructed in memory of the king's mother and was named Vēdavallīpura.

The grant was made on the new-moon day in the month of Makara in the year Viśu (Vriśha), S. 138 (2nd December 1461 A.D.).

Vijayanagara Kings 14.

Five copper-plates received from the Collector of Bellary. They are strung on a ring which carries a very small ring to which a seal is attached. It bears the sun and moon, a boar and a dagger.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed being *Nandināgarī*.

The Vijayanagara King Śrī Kṛṣṇadēvarāya gave the village of Kṛṣṇarāyapuram, situated in the district of Gooty, to a Brahmin named Koṇḍa Bhatta, on the auspicious occasion of a lunar eclipse.

A short genealogical table from Timma to Kṛṣṇarāya is given.

The grant was made on the full-moon day in the month of Kārtika in the year Śukla. S. 1431, the first year of Kṛṣṇa Rāya's reign. The given data correspond to 27th October 1509 A.D. Mr. Sewell's '*Eclipses of the moon in India*' and Mr. L. D. Swamikannu Pillai's '*Ephemeris*' give a lunar eclipse on 26th November 1509 A.D., which was the full-moon day in the month of Mārgaśīrṣha in the year Śukla.

(S.L.I., No. 132.)

Vijayanagara Kings 15.

A single copper-plate received from the Collector of Bellary.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed being *Kanarese*.

The plate records that the Vijayanagara king Śrī Kṛṣṇadēva Mahārāya, constructed an agrahāra named Vyāpalavarti on the banks of the river Tungabhadra, and gave it to a Brahmin named Anaṅtāchārya, having renamed it Kṛṣṇarāyapuram. The king did this at the request of his subordinate chief Timmānāyaka.

This agrahāra was situated in the Kundarpi-sīma near Rāyadurga.

The grant was made on the auspicious occasion of *Arđhōdaya* on the new-moon day in the month of Māgha in the year Prajōtpatti S. 1433 (17th February 1512 A.D.).

(S.L.I., No. 123.)

Vijayanagara Kings 16.

A single copper-plate received from the Collector's office, Kurnool. A small double copper-plate, with embossed figures of the sun and moon, a linga and a Nāṇḍi, is attached to the top of this plate.

The language and script of the inscription are Telugu.

The plate records that three brothers Pedda Nāgana Gaud, Chinna Nāgana Gaud, and Liṅgala Gaud abandoned their native village, and came south to the village of Pedahūrti, situated in the śīma of Adavāri-drug. They constructed a temple to the Goddess Chaudēśvarī on a hill. Sammēla Timmārājulu, a deputy of the Vijayanagara king, introduced them to Śrī Vīra Pratāpa Harihara Rāya, who gave them certain villages for their abode and maintenance.

The grant was made on the tenth *tithi* in the dark fortnight in the month of Vaiśākha in the year Śrīṃukha, Ś. 1420. This cyclic year Śrīṃukha corresponds to Ś. 1435. The date would then correspond to 30th April 1513 A.D. The mention of Harihara Rāya who died in A.D. 1404 will lead one to believe that this plate is a forgery.

(S.L.I., No. 227.)

Vijayanagara Kings 17.

Five copper-plates without a ring, received from the Collector's office, Nellore.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed being Nāṇḍi-nāgarī.

The plates record that the Vijayanagara king Śrī Kṛishṇadēva Rāya, at the request of Gaṅgā Redḍi or Gaṅgadhara, a Redḍi chief, who had the titles of Karpūravasantarāya, Kanchārkalādri, Basavāsankara, Ghantānāda and Rūpanārāyaṇa, gave the village of Nāgulavaram and a field named Timmayapālem to a Brahman astronomer named Sūra Bhaṭṭa, on the auspicious occasion of a lunar eclipse.

This Kṛishṇadēva Rāya is stated to have defeated Virabhadra Gajapati, son of Rudra of Konḍavīḍu, captured and made him his servant in Ś. 1437.

The grant was made on the full-moon day in the month of Śrāvana in the year Yuva, Ś. 1437 (25th July 1515 A.D.).

(S.L.I., No. 86.)

(A.R.M.E., 1906-07, App. A, No. 4—G.O. No. 503,
Public, 27th June 1907, p. 10.)

[II Nel. Dist., 1905, Vol. I, p. 125.]

Vijayanagara Kings 18.

Three copper-plates without a ring and seal, bought of the Paṇḍāram Dharmakarta of the Subrahmanya temple situated at Kumārakrōṣṭam in Conjeeveram.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed being Nāṇḍi-nāgarī.

The Vijayanagara king Śrī Kṛishṇadēva Rāya gave the village of Govīṇḍapatti, nine miles west of Conjeeveram, to eleven Brahmins

for reciting *rudrajapa* during the abhishēka ceremony of the God Ekāmbaranātha at Kāñchī. The village still exists though deserted.

The grant was made on the tenth *tithi* in the dark fortnight in the month of Pushya in the year Vyaya on the occasion of *Makara-saṅkramaṇa*, Ś. 1448 (28th December 1526 A.D.).

Vijayanagara Kings 19.

Three copper-plates received from the Sub-Collector of Cuddapah. They are strung on a ring without a seal.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed being Nandināgarī.

The plates record that the Vijayanagara king Śrī Krishṇadēva Mahārāya was present at the temple of Virūpāksha on the bank of the river Tuṅgabhadra, and gave the village of Mādavara to a temple of Narasimha. This village was in the Gūdalūr stma, in Mārjavaḍa Rājya. This is perhaps to the north of the village of Mudivēḍu and near the village of Gaṇḍālūru in the Cuddapah district.

A genealogy of the second dynasty of Vijayanagara from Timmabhūpāla down to Śrī Krishṇadēva Rāya is given.

The grant was made on the *Makara-saṅkrānti* day in the year Sarvajit, S. 1448 (29th December 1527 A.D.).

(A.R.M.E., October 1890 to March 1891, p. 5—G.O. No. 452, Public, 10th June 1891.)

Vijayanagara Kings 20.

Five copper-plates received from the Collector of Kurnool. They are strung on a ring, which carries a signet ring to which a seal is attached. It bears the standing boar facing the proper right. The sun and moon are above the boar and a floral device is below.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed being Nandināgarī.

The plates record that the Vijayanagara king Śrī Achyutendra Mahārāya gave the village of Kallabākya, otherwise known as Narasēndrapura, situated to the west of the village of Mandagiri, to fifty Brahmans, having divided it into fifty shares.

Achyutendra is here stated to be the younger brother of Śrī Krishṇa.

The grant was made on the ninth *tithi* in the dark fortnight in the month of Mārgasīrsha in the year Vijaya, Ś. 1455 (10th December 1533 A.D.).

(S.L.L., No. 222.)

Vijayanagara Kings 21.

Five copper-plates received from Śrīmān Varadāchārya of Pūṇḍi, a village in the Wāḷajapet taluk of the North Arcot district. They are strung on a ring without a seal.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed being Nandināgarī.

The plates record that the Vijayanagara king Śrī Achyutadēva Mahārāya gave the villages of Tengūru and Vallagūlam, situated in the Chandragiri Rājya, to the temple of Viṭṭalasvāmī. The

villages were divided into four parts, one part was given to his minister Timma for the management of the temple, another to a Brahman who did religious duties in the temple and the rest were set apart for the regular conduct of worship and festivals.

The grant was made on the *Śravanadvādasi* day in the bright fortnight in the month of Bhādrapada in the year Jaya, Ś. 1456 (20th August 1534 A.D.).

(S.L.I., No. 26.)

(A.R.M.E., 1905-06, App. A, No. 11—G.O. No. 492, Public, 2nd July 1906, p. 9.)

Vijayanagara Kings 22.

Five copper-plates received from the Collector's office, North Arcot. They are strung on a ring which carries a seal bearing a standing boar facing the proper right. The sun and moon are above the boar and a floral device is below.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed being Nandināgarī.

The plates record that the Vijayanagara King Śrī Achyutēndra Mahārāya, at the request of his chief Varāṇasi Varadappa, gave the village of Kṛṣṇahara Vēṇkaṭādrīpura, situated in Kundavardhanakōṭaka, a district of Tundīramāṇḍala, which was a subdivision of Chandragiri Rājya, to the Viṣṇu temple at Vēṇkaṭādrīpura, which was built near Vēḍarāṇyam, on the bank of the Vēḍanadī (river), by the latter.

The grant was made on the fifth *tithi* in the bright fortnight in the month of Vaiśākha, in the year Hēmalamba, Ś. 1459 (14th April 1537 A.D.).

(S.L.I., No. 207.)

(A.R.M.E., 1905-06, App. A, No. 10—G.O. No. 492, Public, 2nd July 1906, p. 8.)

Vijayanagara Kings 23.

Three copper-plates presented by the Dharmakarta of the temple at Sriperumbūdūr, Chingleput district, to the Archæological department and subsequently deposited in the Museum. They are strung on a ring which carries a seal bearing in relief a standing boar facing the proper right. The sun and moon are above the boar while a floral device is below. There is a dagger to the proper right of the boar.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, with the exception of a few lines in Tamil which describe the boundaries of the village granted. The script employed is Nandināgarī.

The plates record that the Vijayanagara king Śrī Achyuta Rāya, gave the village of Māraṇēri, otherwise known as Raghunāthapura, to a Brahman named Śrī Vāmana Yajva. This village was situated in Patavītarāṇyam, the modern Padavīdu, a ruined town in the Pōlūr taluk of the North Arcot district.

The grant was made on the new-moon day in the month of Śrāvaṇa in the year Viḷambi, Ś. 1460 (24th August 1538 A.D.).

(A.R.M.E., May to September 1890, p. 2—G.O. No. 717, Public, 28th October 1890.)

Vijayanagara Kings 24.

Four copper-plates received from the Sub-Collector of Cuddapah. They are strung on a ring which carries a seal bearing a standing boar facing the proper right.

The inscription is in faulty Sanskrit, the script employed being Nandināgarī.

The document opens with a confused genealogy, in the course of which the mythical ancestors and a few members of the first dynasty of Vijayanagara are mentioned. Then it turns abruptly to Achyuta, who is known to have belonged to the second Vijayanagara dynasty, and attributes to him a grant made in S. 1201, while other grants of the same king range between S. 1452 and 1461. The difference of more than two hundred and fifty years between the date of this grant and the real date of Achyuta and the incorrect genealogy lead to the conclusion that this inscription is a forgery.

(A.R.M.E., October 1890 to March 1891, p. 5—G.O. No. 452, Public, 10th June 1891.)

Vijayanagara Kings 25.

Three copper-plates received from the Collector's office, Kurnool. They are strung on a ring without a seal.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed being Nandināgarī.

The plates record that the Vijayanagara king Śrī Achyutēndra Mahārāya gave the village of Maḍapālapaḷli situated in the province of Gooty, having renamed it Achyutarāyapuram to Nṛsimhasvāmi, enshrined at Rāmagiri, to meet the expenses on account of lighting, offerings, worship and festivals in his temple, reserving a portion, which was given to a Brahman named Koṇḍayajva for service in it.

Achyutarāya is here spoken of as the conqueror of the three kingdoms, Chēra, Chōḷa and Pāṇḍya.

The grant was made on the *ashṭami tithi* in the dark fortnight in the month of Śrāvaṇa in the year Vikāri, S. 1461 (7th August 1539 A.D.).

(S.L.I., No. 223.)

Vijayanagara Kings 26.

Three copper-plates received from the Collector of North Arcot. They are strung on a ring which carries a seal bearing in relief a standing boar facing the proper right. The sun and moon are above the boar and a floral device is below.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed being Nandināgarī.

The plates record that the Vijayanagara king Śrī Achyutarāya Mahārāya gave the village of Chaklimārantatūku, having renamed it Chinnaveṅkaṭarāyēndrasamudra, to the temple of Viṣṇu in the village of Vēṅkaṭādripura on the banks of the river Vēḍā and situated in the kingdom of Chandragiri.

Mention is made of the *Tulābhāra* ceremony (gift of gold to the weight of the donor) performed by the king in the town of Kānchi on the *dvādaśī* day in the bright fortnight in the month of Śrāvaṇa in the year Nandana, Ś. 1455 (13th July 1532 A.D.). Ś. 1454 corresponds to the cyclic year Nandana.

The grant was made on the *Utthāna-dvādaśī* day in the bright fortnight in the month of Kārtika in the year Vikāri, Ś. 1466, which is a mistake for 1461 (24th October 1539 A.D.).

(A.R.M.E., 1905-06, App. A, No. 13—G.O. No. 492, Public, 2nd July 1906, p. 9.)

Vijayanagara Kings 27.

Three copper-plates without a ring and seal, received from the Collector's office, Nellore.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, with the exception of a few lines in Telugu describing the boundaries of the village granted. The script employed is Nandināgarī.

The plates record that the Vijayanagara king Śrī Achyutēndra Mahārāya gave the village named Yadavallī, situated in the śīma of Pāṅgānādu, attached to the province of Udayagiri, having surnamed it Achyutēndrapuram, to a learned Brahman named Tirumala Bhaṭṭa, on the auspicious day of *Utthāna-dvādaśī*.

The grant was made on the *dvādaśī tithi* in the bright fortnight in the month of Kārtika in the year Plava, Ś. 1463 (31st October 1541 A.D.).

(S.L.I., No. 80.)

(A.R.M.E., 1906-07, App. A, No. 5—G.O. No. 503, Public, 27th June 1907, p. 10.)

[II Nel. Dist., 1905, Vol. I, p. 91.]

Vijayanagara Kings 28.

Three copper-plates received from the Collector of North Arcot. They are strung on a ring, which carries a seal bearing in relief a standing boar facing the proper right. The sun and moon are above the boar and a floral device is below. There is a dagger to the proper right of the boar.

The language of the inscription is Sanskrit, the script employed being Nandināgarī.

The plates record that the Vijayanagara king Śrī Sadāśiva Mahārāya gave the villages of Konganamallūr and Mēlapatapanapādi, situated in the kingdom of Padavīḍu, to several Brahmans.

The grant was made on the *dvādaśī tithi* in the bright fortnight in the month of Kārtika in the year Plavaṅga, Ś. 1470 (25th October 1547 A.D.). The cyclic year Plavaṅga corresponds to Ś. 1469.

(A.R.M.E., 1907-08, App. A, No. 6—G.O. No. 574, Public, 17th July 1908, p. 11.)

Vijayanagara Kings 29.

A single copper-plate received from the Collector of Bellary. The sun and moon and the Vaishṇavite marks are engraved on the top of the plate.

The language and script of the inscription are Telugu.

When the Vijayanagara king Virapratāpa Śrī Vīra Sadāśiva-dēva Mahārāya ruled at Vijayanagara, Śrīman Mahāmaṇḍalēśvara Rāmarāju Tirumalarājayya granted the following privileges to Mahipati Yerrammanāyaka for faithful service done to the State and for guarding the villages of Gooty, Tāḍpatri, Vellalūru, Singanāmala and Siyyāḍa. He was allowed to receive ten varāhās for every one hundred varāhās of tax collected from the villages, together with the produce got out of two marakāls of seedlings out of every twenty and one bundle of fodder from that got out of two-fifths of an acre of land.

This charter was granted on the tenth *tithi* in the bright fortnight in the month of Śrāvaṇa in the year Piṅgaḷa, Ś. 1479 (4th August 1557 A.D.).

(S.L.I., No. 224.)

Vijayanagara Kings 30.

Five copper-plates received from the District Court of Kistna. They are strung on a ring which carries a small ring to which a seal is attached. It bears in relief a standing boar facing the proper right. The sun and moon are above the boar, while a floral device is below. There is a dagger to the proper right of the boar.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed being Nandināgarī.

The plates record that the Vijayanagara King Raṅga Rāya who had his capital at Penukonda gave as sarvamānya the village of Kōvilpūdi, having renamed it Raṅgarājapuram, to a Brahman named Haridaśva. This village was near Kōṇḍaviḍu which was conquered by Raṅga Rāya.

The grant was made on the *Prathama-dvādaśī* day in the month of Āshāḍha in the year Yuva, Ś. 1497 (19th June 1575 A.D.).

Vijayanagara Kings 31.

Three copper-plates found in the ruined Viṣṇu temple in the village of Ariviḷimangalam, Tanjore district, and purchased from Mr. Svāminātha Ayyar. The plates are strung on a ring which carries a seal bearing in relief a standing boar facing the proper right. Above the boar is the sun between two clubs joined together in the form of V. The moon and a dagger are to the proper left of the boar.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed being Nandināgarī.

At the request of Śēvvappa Nāyaka the first prince of the Nāyaka dynasty of Tanjore, the Vijayanagara king Śrī Raṅga-dēva Rāya granted the village of Ariviḷimangalam to the Madhva teacher Vijayīndra Tīrtha.

The grant was originally made by Achyuta son of Śēvvappa Nāyaka, but sanction of the over-lord was obtained by this record. The village granted belonged to the Kulōttuṅga Chōḷa Vaḷanāḍu and is now five miles south-west of Nannilam, the headquarters of a taluk of that name in the Tanjore district.

The grant was made on the *Prathama-dvādaśī tithi* in the bright fortnight in the month of Āshāḍha in the year Dhātri, Ś. 1499

(7th July 1576 A.D.). This *dvādasi* fell on Saturday (7th July 1576 A.D.) according to the Ephemeris of Mr. L. D. Swamikannu Pillai, but Monday was the *dvādasi* day according to the plates.

[Ep. Ind., 1917, Vol. XIII, p. 340.]

Vijayanagara Kings 32.

Two copper-plates received from the Collector of Kistna. They are strung on a ring without a seal.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed being Nandināgarī.

These plates form an incomplete set and contain the genealogy of the third Vijayanagara dynasty up to Śrī Raṅga Rāya. The genealogy is identical with that given in the Kūniyūr plates.

Vijayanagara Kings 33.

Two copper-plates found in the records of the Oriental Manuscripts Library and sent by the Curator in 1917 for deposit in the Museum. They are the second and third plates of a set, the first of which is missing. They have holes on the upper part and the ring on which they were strung is also missing.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed is Nāgarī.

The plates record that the Vijayanagara King Śrī Veṅkaṭapati Mahārāya gave a village having named it Veṅkaṭapura, to the Śrī Vajśhṇava teacher Tātaya, grandson of Eṭūr-Tātāya and son of Śrīnivāsa. This village was situated in the Kōṇāḍu district, which formed a subdivision of Ūttukkādu Kōṭṭam.

The grant was made on the *dvādasi tithi* in the bright fortnight in the month of Dhanu in the year Vikrithi, Ś. 1512 (27th December 1590 A.D.).

[A.R.M.E., 1916-17, App. A, No. 8—G.O. No. 1035, Home (Education), 10th August 1917, p. 8.]

Vijayanagara Kings 34.

Seven copper-plates received from the Collector of Tinnevely. They are strung on a ring which carries a seal bearing in relief a standing boar facing the proper right. The sun and moon are above and a dagger is to the proper right of the boar.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed being Nandināgarī.

The plates record that, at the request of Kṛishṇamahāpati, Viceroy of the Southern Kingdom, the Vijayanagara King Śrī Vīra Veṅkaṭapati gave the village of Padmānēri situated in the Kingdom of Tiruvādi to several Brahmans, having renamed it Tirumalāmbāpuram. Kṛishṇamahāpati divided the village into eighty-three shares, and distributed them among several Brahmans.

The grant was made at the temple of Tirupati on the *dvādasi tithi* in the dark fortnight in the month of Śrāvaṇa in the year Viḷambi, Ś. 1520 (18th August 1598 A.D.).

(S.L.L. No. III.)

(A.R.M.E., 1905-06, App. A, No. 14—G.O. No. 492, Public, 2nd July 1906, p. 9.)

Vijayanagara Kings 35.

Seven copper-plates, without a history, which have been preserved in the Museum for a long time. They are strung on a ring which carries a seal bearing in relief a standing boar facing the proper right. The sun and moon are above and a floral device is below the boar. There is a dagger to the proper right of the boar.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed being Nandināgarī.

The plates record that, at the request of his chief Mudduvra who was ruling at Madura, the Vijayanagara King Veṅkaṭapati Śrī Dēvarāya gave to several Brāhmins the village of Nāgenallūr situated near the boundary of Kāṭṭuputtūr on the northern bank of the river Kāvēri, having renamed it Mudduvramahāpālasamudram. Mudduvra divided the village into eighty-two shares and distributed them to several learned Brahmins.

The grant was made on the *dvādasi tithi* in the dark fortnight in the month of Kārtika in the year Saumya, Ś. 1531 (13th November 1609 A.D.).

(A.R.M.E., 1905-06, App. A, No. 9—G.O. No. 492, Public,
2nd July 1906, p. 8.)

Vijayanagara Kings 36.

Five copper-plates which have been preserved in this Museum for a long time without any history. They are strung on a ring which carries a seal bearing in relief a bow, a tiger and two fishes.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed being Nandināgarī.

The plates record that the Vijayanagara King Śrī Veṅkaṭa II or Veṅkaṭapati Śrī Dēvarāya who resided at Penukoṇḍa granted the village of Koṇḍyāṭa, having renamed it Gopālaśrīpura, to Raṅga-nātha, son of Śīgarāja and grandson of Lakkarāja and who was engaged in the study of the Yajur Vēda.

The plates contain a genealogy from King Nahusha to Veṅkaṭa II. It was at Penukoṇḍa the Vijayanagara royal family took up its abode after its defeat by the Muhammadans. The village granted is near Guḍiyattam in the North Arcot district.

The grant was made on the *dvādasi tithi* in the bright fortnight in the month of Āshāḍha in the year Dhatri, Ś. 1558 (4th July 1636 A.D.).

(S.L.I., No. 151.)

(Ind. Ant., 1884, Vol. XIII, p. 125.)

VISHNUKUNDINS.

Vishnukundins 1.

Five copper-plates discovered sometime before 1887, during the excavation of earth at the Atikavani tank in the Chikkulla agra-hāra in the Tuni division of the Gōdāvari district by Pīṇḍi Nammayya of Upperagūḍem, a hamlet of Amalapuram, in the Golgoṇḍa taluk of the Vizagapatam district, and received from the Collector of Vizagapatam in 1896-97 to whom the plates were sent

by the karnam of Amalapuram, who secured them, when they were offered for sale in 1895 by the wife of Nammayya. The plates are strung on a ring, the ends of which are soldered to a circular seal bearing in relief on the countersunk surface a lion.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, though Prakrit words occur now and then. The script employed is pre-Chālukyan.

Mahārāja Śrī Vikramēndravarma, who was a member of the family of Vishnukundins, issued a proclamation from his royal residence at Leṇḍulūra granting the village of Rēgonṛam, which was south-east to the village of Rāvirēva on the bank of the river Kṛishṇabēṇṇa (Kṛishṇa) in the Natṛipatī district, to the Soma-giriśvaranātha temple.

The grant was made on the fifth day in the eighth fortnight of the summer season in the tenth year of the king's reign. No other date is given. The Mahārāja's grandfather is stated to have been connected with the family of Vākātas, which flourished towards the end of the seventh and in the eighth century A.D. This record may not be later than the eighth century A.D.

(Ep. Ind., 1896-97, Vol. IV, p. 193.)

MISCELLANEOUS.

Miscellaneous 1.

Three copper-plates received from the Collector of Ganjām, in whose office they were unclaimed. They are strung on a ring, the ends of which are secured by means of a seal bearing in relief a couchant bull facing the proper right and the legend 'Śrī Saṁyabhitasya'.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed being 'the acute-angled type with nail heads', which formed the transition from the Gupta to the Nāgarī alphabet.

During the reign of Mahārājādhirāja Śaśāṅka-Rāja, his Sāmanta Mahārāja (tributary king) Mādhavarāja II of the Śilodbhava family gave the village of Chhavalakkhaya, in the Kṛishṇagiri-vishaya, to a learned Brahman named Chharampasvāmin, at an eclipse of the sun.

The order declaring the grant was issued from his capital Kōṅgēda on the banks of the river Sālimā. Professor Kielhorn has identified Kōṅgēda with Kong-u-to of Hiuen-Tsiang. This Śaśāṅkarāja is probably identical with Śaśāṅka, the King of Karnasuvarna, who according to Hiuen-Tsiang murdered Rājyavardhana, the elder brother and predecessor of the great king Harsha of Thānēsar.

The grant was made in the Gupta year 300 (A.D. 619-20).

(Ep. Ind., 1900-01, Vol. VI, p. 143.)

Miscellaneous 2.

Five copper-plates received from the Collector of Gōḍāvari. They are strung on a ring having a worn out seal.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed being Chālukyan.

The plates record that, at the request of his chief Indra, Rāja Prithivīmūla, son of Maharāja Prabhākara Viśruta, gave the village of Chūyipāka, having constructed an agraḥāra to forty-three families of Brahmans, who studied the Atharva-Vēda.

The grant was issued from the city of Kandaḷi. The village granted was situated in the Tajupāka-vishaya.

The grant was made on the third day in the month of Vaiśākha in the twenty-fifth year of the reign of Prithivīmūla.

(S.L.I., No. 78.)

[B.R.A.S., 1883—85, Vol. XVI, p. 114.]

Miscellaneous 3.

A single copper-plate received from the Collector's office, Ganjam. On to its proper right is soldered a seal, half of which sticks to the plate, while the other half projects beyond it. The seal bears in relief on the countersunk surface the legend '*Śrīmad Dandimahādēvi*.' Above the legend is a couchant bull facing the proper right with the sun and moon and a conch-shell above it. Below the legend is a lotus flower with two lines between them.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed being Nāgarī used in Northern India.

Queen Dandimahādēvi who was a descendant of the family of King Ummattasimha and ruled over the country of Dakṣiṇakōśala, issued from the royal camp at Guḥṣavarapātaka a charter by which the village of Villa situated in Kōṅgōda-maṇḍala, was granted to her door-keeper Dhavaḷa an immigrant from Vingi-pātaka, on the occasion of a *saukrānti*.

The grant is dated the fifth day of the dark fortnight in the month of Mārgaśīrṣa in the year 180. It is not known to what era this year 180 belongs.

Appended to the above grant there is another inscription which records that a quarter of the village of Villa was given by Dhavaḷa to several Brahmans on the occasion of a *saukrānti*.

(S.L.I., No. 217.)

[Ep. Ind., 1900-01, Vol. VI, p. 133.]

Miscellaneous 4.

A single copper-plate received from the Collector of Ganjam. On to its proper right is soldered a seal as in the previous plate. The legend bears in relief across the centre the legend, '*Śrīmad Dandimahādēvi*.' Above the legend is a couchant bull facing the proper right with the sun, moon and a conch-shell above. To the right and left of the bull is a chāmara (fly-whisk). Below the legend is a lotus flower.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed being Nāgarī used in Northern India.

Queen Dandimahādēvi, a descendant of the family of King Ummattasimha, issued from the royal camp at Guḥṣavarapātaka a charter by which the village of Garasāmbhā, situated in the Arttani-vishaya in Kōṅgōdamāṇḍala to a Brahman named Purushōttama, on the auspicious occasion of *Uttarāyana* (the summer solstice).

The grant is not dated.

(S.L.L., No. 216.)

[Ep. Ind., 1900-01, Vol. VI, p. 140.]

Miscellaneous 5.

Three copper-plates received from the Collector of Ganjām. They are strung on a ring without a seal.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed being Nāgarī used in Northern India.

The plates record the sale of the village of Taṭṣavaragrāma, and mention Śilabhaṇjadēva and some chiefs born in the Nāga family.

No mention is made of any date and the character is of about the thirteenth century A.D.

[A.R.M.E., 1916-17, App. A, No. 11—G.O. No. 1035,
Home (Education), 10th August 1917, p. 9.]

Miscellaneous 6.

Three copper-plates found in the village of Vasanta in the Sṛīngavarapukōṭa taluk of the Vizagapatam district and received from the Collector of that district in 1900. They are strung on a ring without a seal.

The opening verse is in Sanskrit and the rest of the inscription is in Telugu. The script employed is Telugu.

The plates record the grant of the village of Baṭṭēru on the Vamśadhārā river by a chief named Mukunda, son of Bāhubalendra, who traced his descent from the moon. The grant was made in the temple at Śrīkūrmam in favour of Veṅkaṭāchārya and other Vaiṣṇava Brahmins.

The grant was made on the thirtieth day in the month of Pushya in the year Manmadha, Ś. 1517. (27th January 1596 A.D.)

PETTY CHIEFS AND ZAMINDARS.

Petty Chiefs and Zamindars 1.

A single copper-plate received from the Collector of Bellary. The sun and moon and the Vaiṣṇava marks are engraved on the top of the plate.

The language and script of the inscription are Telugu.

When Virapratāpa Sadāśivadēva Mahādēvarāyulu ruled at Vijayanagara, Krishnarāya of Ānaguṇḍi gave an agrahāra and two villages to two Brahmins Rāmāchārya and Bhīmāchārya for teaching Brahmins of the Madhva community.

The grant was made on the fifth *tithi* in the dark fortnight in the month of Pushya in the year Akshaya, Ś. 1186. Ś. 1186 corresponds to the cyclic year Raktāksha, which preceded Akshaya by one year. The given data correspond to 18th December 1266 A.D.

(S.L.L., No. 113.)

Petty Chiefs and Zamindārs 2.

Five copper-plates received from the Collector of Godavari. They are strung on a ring without a seal.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed being old Telugu.

Sṛīmān Namaya-Nāyaka who ruled over the country extending from the banks of the river Gautama to the Kaliṅga kingdom with his capital at Pithāpuri, while on the bank of the holy Godavari, gave the village of Donepūṇḍi, having renamed it Prōlōra and constructed an agrahāra, to a Brahman named Gaṇapati, who was well versed in the Vedas.

The grant was made on Sunday, the full-moon day in the month of Bhādrapada in Ś. 1259. (The probable date will be 30th August 1338 A.D.). Ś. 1259 is a mistake for Ś. 1260.

[Ep. Ind., 1896-97, Vol. IV, p. 356.]

Petty Chiefs and Zamindārs 3.

Three copper-plates received from the Collector's office, Nellore. Both the language and script of the inscription are Telugu.

The plates record that Devarāya Voḍaya Garu gave the village of Tiruvīḍu, which was in the bed of the tank named Karakili and which lay on the northern bank of the river Pinākī (Pennār), in the Pāṅkanāḍu district, in the Udayagiri kingdom, to God Ahōbaḷśvara of Tiruvīḍu, by pouring water in the hands of Purushōttamayya, who was a temple servant.

This Devarāya Voḍaya was the ruler of the Udayagiri kingdom, and was the son of Parvatarāya and grandson of Rāmachandrarāya.

The grant was made on the fifteenth day in the bright fortnight in the month of Kartika in the year Parthiva, Ś. 1357. This is a mistake for Ś. 1327 (6th November 1405 A.D.).

(A.R.M.E., 1906-07, App. A, No. 2—G.O. No. 503, Public, 27th June 1907, p. 10.)

[II, Nel. Dist., 1905, Vol. I, p. 8.]

Petty Chiefs and Zamindārs 4.

A single copper-plate received from the Collector of Madura. Both the language and script of the inscription are Tamil.

The plate records an order issued by the Paṇḍaram of Toḍukuḷi Mūttaraśa to Kuppayaṇḍi Pillai appointing him as an accountant for the seven villages, owned by the former, and in lieu of salary therefor he was given certain plots in wet and dry lands in each of those villages and was allowed also to collect a tax of two fanams from rich ryots and one fanam from petty ryots.

The order was dated the fourteenth day in the month of Ādi in the year Śarvati, Kollam 775 (13th July 1600 A.D.).

(S.L.I., No. 63.)

Petty Chiefs and Zamindārs 5.

A single brass-plate received from the Collector of Godavari. Both the language and script of the inscription are Telugu.

The plate records that Sadaśiva Viṭaraṇa Rayanīṅgaru gave the village of Nallapalli to the temple of Śītārāmasvāmi in the village of Parnaśāla, in the taluk of Bhadrāchalam, on the occasion of a lunar eclipse.

The grant was made on the full-moon day in the month of Jyēṣṭha in the year Durmati, Ś. 1549. The cyclic year Durmati corresponds to Ś. 1543 (25th May 1621 A.D.).

Petty Chiefs and Zamindārs 6.

A single copper-plate received from the Collector of South Kanara.

The language and script of the inscription are Kanarese.

The plate records that Śrī Sankaridevi, sister of Vīra Narasimha Lakshmapparasa Bangār, constructed a tank and a muṭṭ in a garden east of Koḍayal fort, and granted a plot of land yielding one hundred and fifty *mudis* of rice to Dāsanna, son of Yellappa Nāyaka, for the maintenance of the muṭṭ.

The grant was made on the fifth *tithi* in the dark fortnight in the month of Kārtika in the year Subhānu, Ś. 1565 (21st October 1643 A.D.).

(S.L.I., No. 103.)

Petty Chiefs and Zamindārs 7.

A single copper-plate received from the Collector of South Kanara.

Both the language and script of the inscription are Kanarese.

The plate records the grant of two villages Pudu and Āmrāpādi to Venkaṭapati Dēva by Vīranarasimha Sankaridevi, sister of Lakshmapparasa Bangāra.

According to the South Kanara District Manual, these Bangārās were Jain ruling chiefs of Nandavār territory in South Kanara; but this Bangāra is stated to be a devotee of Śiva in the plate. These two villages even now exist.

The grant was made on the first day in the month of Kārtika in the year Tārāṇa, Ś. 1566 (21st October 1644 A.D.).

(S.L.I., No. 104.)

Petty Chiefs and Zamindārs 8.

A single copper-plate received from the Collector of Bellary.

Both the language and script of the inscription are Kanarese.

The plate records that Śrīmat Masai Fakīr Kulasēkhara Abdull Mallik gave certain lands in the village of Tārāpūr to a mosque at Sultānpūr, a village in the Adōni taluk of the Bellary district.

The grant was made on the twelfth *tithi* in the dark fortnight in the month of Vaiśākha in the year Pramādīcha, Ś. 1586. This Śaka year should have been 1595 as Pramādīcha fell on that year. (3rd May 1673 A.D.)

(S.L.I., No. 131.)

Petty Chiefs and Zamindārs 9.

A single copper-plate received from the Collector of Bellary.

Both the language and script of the inscription are Kanarese.

The plate records that Srīmat Māsai Fakīr Kulāśekhara Abdull Mallik gave a plot of land in the village of Marālakāla to a mosque at Sultānpūr.

Marālakāla may be the modern Marāli in the Adōni taluk.

The grant was made on the twelfth *tithi* in the dark fortnight in the month of Vaiśākha in the year Pramādīcha, Ś. 1586. This cyclic year Pramādīcha fell on Ś. 1595 (3rd May 1673 A.D.).

(S.L.I., No. 116.)

Petty Chiefs and Zamindārs 10.

A single copper-plate received from the Collector's office, Bellary.

Both the language and script of the inscription are Kanarese.

The plate records that Srīmat Māsai Fakīr Kulāśekhara Abdull Mallik gave certain lands in the village of Sidlatala to a mosque at Sultānpūr, in the Adōni taluk of the Bellary district.

The grant was made on the twelfth *tithi* in the dark fortnight in the month of Vaiśākha in the year Pramādīcha, Ś. 1586 (3rd May 1673 A.D.) Vide remarks on date in the previous plate.

(S.L.I., No. 118.)

Petty Chiefs and Zamindārs 11.

A single copper-plate received from the Collector of Bellary.

Both the language and script of the inscription are Kanarese.

The plate records that Srīmat Māsai Fakīr Kulāśekhara Abdull Mallik gave certain lands in the village of Kaichagarai to a mosque at Sultānpūr.

The grant was made on the twelfth *tithi* in the dark fortnight in the month of Vaiśākha in the year Pramādīcha, Ś. 1586 (3rd May 1673 A.D.) Vide remarks on date in No. 8.

(S.L.I., No. 130.)

Petty Chiefs and Zamindārs 12.

A single copper-plate received from the Collector of Bellary.

Both the language and script of the inscription are Kanarese.

The plate records that Srīmat Māsai Fakīr Kulāśekhara Abdull Mallik gave certain lands in the village of Tapti to a mosque at Sultānpūr.

The grant was made on the thirteenth *tithi* in the dark fortnight in the month of Māgha in the year Pramādīcha, Ś. 1586 (23rd February 1674 A.D.) Vide remarks on date in No. 8.

Petty Chiefs and Zamindārs 13.

A single copper-plate received from the Collector of Bellary.

Both the language and script of the inscription are Kanarese.

The plate records that Srīmat Māsai Fakīr Kulāśekhara Abdull Mallik gave certain lands in the village of Hitikaḍapūr to a mosque at Sultānpūr.

The grant was made on the thirteenth *tithi* in the dark fortnight in the month of Māgha in the year Pramādīcha, Ś. 1586 (23rd February 1674 A.D.) Vide remarks on date in No. 8.

Petty Chiefs and Zamindārs 14.

A single copper-plate received from the District Judge, Trichinopoly, in 1912-13.

Both the language and script of the inscription are Telugu.

Kachhi Kalyāṇa Raṅgappa Kālaka Tōla Voḍayāru who was the Zamindār of the tract of country lying between the Uttarakavēri and the Svētanadī (Vellār) gave the village of Amuttarāṅgōṭa to the temple of Aruṇajāteśvara at Śrī Tālvanam, otherwise known as Tirūppanēndal, for the regular conduct of certain *kaṭṭalai*, and to the temple of Kṛishṇēśvara in the same place for the regular performance of *uchhikālapūja*. This village was situated in the Zamindāri tract between the two rivers.

The grant was made on the fifteenth day in the month of Māgha in the year Kaḷayukti (Kalayukta), S. 1600, Kali. 4779 (16th January 1679 A.D.).

(A.R.M.E., 1911-12, App. A, No. 3—G.O. No. 919, Public, 29th July 1912, p. 13.)

Petty Chiefs and Zamindārs 15.

Two copper-plates, hinged together, which were received from the Collector of Godavari.

Both the language and script of the inscription are Telugu.

Rāja Gaṇapati Rāja Jagannātha Rāju, a Zamindār, gave a plot of land in Billangē taluk to certain Brahmans for the increase of virtue to his forefathers.

The grant is dated Thursday, the tenth of the month of Aśvayuja in the year Raktākshi, S. 1606 (9th October 1684 A.D.).

Petty Chiefs and Zamindārs 16.

A single copper-plate received from the Collector of Bellary.

Both the language and script of the inscription are Telugu.

The plate records the order issued by Koṇḍappanāyanigāru, son of Appā Nayuḍu, and who was styled Rajamānya Rājadhīrāja, cancelling the lease granted to Kāpāru Saṅgayya over a plot of land in the village of Pennāgacherla, as he failed to pay a kist of twenty varāhas per year and transferring it in favour of Rāchi Redḍi, who was willing to pay the kist regularly and who paid eighty varāhas, the arrears due from the former.

The order was issued on the *panchami tithi* in the bright fortnight in the month of Margaśīrsha in the year Vikāri, S. 1642. The cyclic year Vikāri corresponds to S. 1641 (5th December 1719 A.D.).

(S.L.I., No. 119.)

Petty Chiefs and Zamindārs 17.

Two copper-plates received from the District Court, Madura, in 1898. These are the first and third plates of a complete set and the second is missing.

Both the language and script of the inscription are Tamil.

Śinnakkadira Appānāyaka gave the village of Soundararāja Śinnakkadira Bhūpāla Samudram to the learned men of the same village.

Information regarding the date and object of the grant is not available as the second plate is missing. The last portion of the document, while stating that it records a gift, also states that it is a sale deed.

R. Sewell has stated that this grant was made in the cyclic year Saumya, Ś. 1651, Kali. 4830 (A.D. 1729), when Vijaya Ranga Chokkanātha ruled at Madura, and that this Sinnakkadira Appanāyaka was a chief who resided near Dindigul.

(S.L.I., No. 33.)

Petty Chiefs and Zamindārs 18.

A single copper-plate received from the Collector of Madura.

Both the language and script of the inscription are Tamil.

The plate records the arrangement made by Raja Venkatrāyar, the Zamindār, the people, and the watchman of the Zamindāri of Vattalakundu Vairavanāyakanūr, otherwise known by the name of Virabhūpālasamudram, for creating a fund for maintaining an establishment of six music players for service in the temple of Viśvanātha and Viśalakshī at Vattalakundu.

In addition to the usual imprecation at the end of inscriptions, there is one against Muhammadans, that if any one would disturb this charity, he would incur the sin of eating a pig at Mecca and of vilifying Alla.

The grant is dated the 18th of Āvaṇi in the year Rudhirōdgari, Ś. 1665 (19th August 1743 A.D.).

(S.L.I., No. 60.)

Petty Chiefs and Zamindārs 19.

A single copper-plate which has been preserved in the Museum and has no history.

The language and script of the inscription are Tamil.

The plate records that Vāmpiriyār, having encamped at Morappūr, sold the village of Arñjimandār belonging to Gingee Fort, to Madiriya Gaundē of Cōnjeeveram for fifty-one pagodas.

The deed is dated the fifth day in the month of Ādi in the year Vibhava. This cyclic year Vibhava fell on A.D. 1748, 1808. Most probably the plate might have been issued on 5th July 1748 A.D.

Petty Chiefs and Zamindārs 20.

A single copper-plate received from the District Judge of Trichinopoly in 1912-13.

Both the language and script of the inscription are Telugu.

Muttu Vijaya Raṅgappa Kālāka Tōja Voḍayāru gave a portion of land in the village of Sendōrai to the Sabhānāyaka temple at Chidambaram for the regular daily performance of *uchchikālapūja*. The donor was a chief ruling over the country lying between the Uttarakāvēri and the Śvetanadī (Vellār).

The grant was made on the twentieth day in the month of Āni in the year Krōdhi, Ś. 1706, Kali. 4885 (30th June 1784 A.D.).

(A.R.M.E., 1911-12, App. A, No. 4—G.O. No. 919, Public, 29th July 1912, p. 13.)

Petty Chiefs and Zamindārs 21.

A single copper-plate received from the Collector of Bellary.

Both the language and script of the inscription are Kanarese.

The plate records that at the request of the inhabitants of the village of Bagēhālli, Hasarat Khan Sahib, a Muhammadan chief, settled the dispute on the boundary line between the Rayadurgam taluk of the Bellary district and the Molakālamūru taluk in the Mysore territory and fixed the boundary marks.

The settlement was made on the *trayōdasi tithi* in the bright fortnight in the month of Mārgasīrsha in the year Plavaṅga, S. 1709 (22nd December 1787 A.D.).

(S.L.I., No. 126.)

Petty Chiefs and Zamindārs 22.

A single copper-plate which has been in the Museum without a history.

The language and script of the inscription are Tamil.

The plate records the arrangement made by Saravaṇai Śetty, agent of Aśātu Kepilai Nawab with two Gurukkals for collecting quit-rent and other taxes from the houses constructed in the lands belonging to the Śiva temple on a hill in the country of Āmūr-kuthaṇḍalai Karikāli on the northern bank of the river Kāvēri, and for the regular performance of worship in the said Śiva temple on every Friday from the income accrued thereby.

The arrangement was made on the fifth day in the month of Āḍi in the year Saumya, S. 1711, Kali. 4790 (17th July 1789 A.D.).

Petty Chiefs and Zamindārs 23.

A single copper-plate received from the District Court, Chingleput.

Both the language and script of the inscription are Tamil.

His Highness Sri Kuppuchandu Sahib was pleased with the services done by Śivandapāda Śeṭṭi of Arikōshṭi Puduppēṭṭai, and gave him a palanquin and five *kāṇis* of land to meet the pay of the bearers. He was also given $\frac{1}{4}$ *kāṇi* of salt pan, and was authorized to collect certain taxes on all grains and foodstuffs sold in his village. He was also exempted from certain taxation.

There are signatures in Hindustani, which read "Subha Arcot Sundar Sahib, Hazarat Miran Sahib, Kod Sirraho."

The grant is dated the twenty-fifth day in the month of Purattāśi in the year Pramādiḥa. The plate may perhaps belong to 7th October 1793 A.D.

(S.L.I., No. 16.)

[T.S.I., 1886, p. 158.]

Petty Chiefs and Zamindārs 24.

A single copper-plate received from the District Judge of Madurai in 1911-12.

Both the language and script of the inscription are Tamil.

The plate records that Rāsaya Pāṇḍyanār, Zamindār of Boḍināyakanūr, fixed the boundary line between Agamalai and

Kottakudiy by constructing four mahals and by the erection of demarcation stones. This charter was given to four *maṇṇāḍis* of the village of Agamalai.

The document is dated the twenty-fifth day in the month of Tai in the year Krōdhana, Fasli 1213 (A.D. 1805-06).

(A.R.M.E., 1910-11, App. A, No. 13—G.O. No. 832, Public,
28th July 1911, p. 16.)

Petty Chiefs and Zamindars 25.

A single copper-plate received from the Collector of Trichinopoly.

Both the language and script of the inscription are Tamil.

The plate records the arrangement made by Vijaya Venkatāchala Reddiar, Zamindār of Turaiyūr in the Trichinopoly district, with regard to the burial and burning ground of his town. A certain plot was divided into two blocks and two Vettiyan, Ālan and Mukkan, were placed in charge of them. It was arranged that they should divide the revenues in the ratio of two to one, and that Mukkan should pay Ālan Rs. 20-10-8 out of the total amount of Rs. 62 spent by sīrkar in dividing the burial-ground, with interest at one *paṇam* for every ten rupees per mensem.

The arrangement was made in the year Akshaya. No details regarding date are given. As Vijaya Venkatāchala Reddiar lived in the beginning of the last century, this record might have been issued in the year 1806 A.D. as it corresponds to the cyclic year Akshaya (Kshaya).

Petty Chiefs and Zamindars 26.

A single copper-plate received from the Collector of Tanjore.

Both the language and script of the inscription are Tamil.

The plate records that Kṛishṇa Paṇṇikkandār, Zamindār of Terkūr, gave the village of Panahjēri as Srōtriyam to the temple of Viśvanātha Svāmi to meet the cost of daily worship and offerings, with the exception of a portion, which was given to Siva Rāya Ayyar, a Brahman of the village of Gandharva Kōṭṭai, for the conduct of pūja in the temple. It is also recorded that out of the tax payable to the Zamindāri some Brahmans must be fed on all *dvādaśi* days.

The grant was made on the new-moon day which fell on the fifth day in the month of Tai in the year Sarvajit, Ś. 1749, Kali. 4928 (23rd December 1827 A.D.).

Petty Chiefs and Zamindars 27.

A single copper-plate received from the Collector of Ganjam.

Both the language and script of the inscription are Uriya.

Mahārāja Śrī Jagannātha Nārāyaṇa Gajapati Kshētrapati gave the village of Gōberāyanavalāsa to Jōgi Raju on condition that he must pay an annual kist of Rs. 50 in cash and twenty garces of paddy.

This paṭṭa was issued on the eighth *tithi* in the dark fortnight in the month of Māgha in the year Viḷambi, the eighth year of the Mahārāja's reign.

Petty Chiefs and Zamindars 28.

A single copper-plate received from the District Judge, Trichinopoly, in 1912-13. It contains two inscriptions, one on each side.

Both the language and script of the inscriptions are Tamil.

The first inscription records the gift of two bullocks to the temple of Subrahmanyaśvāmi in Āyipalaiyam by the agent of Nallappa Kālāṅka-Tōjar, named Muttu Vaidyanātha Pillai having made them tax-free wherever they were taken, carrying loads.

The gift was made on the thirtieth day in the month of Aippasi in the year Bhava, Mēdinmahārāyar Ś. 1272.

The second inscription records the gift to the same temple by Vaduganātha Pillai of a cow for the maintenance of a lamp.

The gift was made on the twenty-seventh day in the month of Tai in the year Vikrama, six years after the first grant.

(A.R.M.E., 1911-12, App. A, No. 2—G.O. No. 919, Public,
29th July 1912, p. 13.)

Petty Chiefs and Zamindars 29.

Thirteen copper-plates received from the Collector of Tanjore. They are in the shape of a palm-leaf manuscript and are provided with holes on one side to be strung by means of a ring. Some plates are missing.

Both the language and script of the inscription are Tamil.

The following information is available from the existing plates. Certain Pāṇḍyan and Chōla kings gave Mēnāttarayan, a chieftain, a tract of country near Āduthurai. A Muhammadan ruler defeated the Chōla king and established his seat of government at Cannanūr near Trichinopoly. He tried to capture Mēnāttarayan, who fled to Nārtāmalai but subsequently became friends with him. The Muhammadan king defeated the Pāṇḍyan king at Alagapuri, defeated Govinda at Trichinopoly and pillaged the countries of Vallam and Ambil.

The plates are not dated.

PRIVATE GRANTS.

Private grant 1.

A single brass-plate received from the Collector of North Arcot. A triangular brass-plate with the figure of Kāmākshīman with the sun and moon on either side and five human figures which appear to be intended for the five artisans mentioned in the plate is soldered to the top.

Both the language and script of the inscription are Tamil.

The following incident is recorded: Five Panchālattārs, who were the leading men of the *Idangai* section of the five artisan castes made a car of bell-metal for taking in procession the goddess Kāmākshī, round the streets of Conjeeveram. While the car was being drawn a magician Sēṇia Sīngappuli of the *Valangai* section stopped it by incantations. When the Panchālattārs were at a loss to know what to do, goddess Kāmākshī told them in a dream that a magician might be brought from Cochin. A messenger was accordingly sent and Mangammāl, wife of a Kambalattān, offered to draw the car with the help of her son. The latter with his

father and mother came to Conjeeveram and found by incantations that several demons had been set up to restrain the car and that the magic could be averted only by offering a human sacrifice. The Panchālattārs were not prepared for it. The son was thinking of some device, when Śēnia Śiṅgappuli intentionally picked up a quarrel with him, and a dispute arose as to their superiority. To settle this, the Panchālattārs chained both of them, put them in a room and set fire to its roof but both came out unhurt. They were then tied in bags of chunam, the mouths of which were tied and the bags were then thrown in a river, but both escaped unhurt. Both appeared to be of equal capacity. They tried to establish their superiority in another way. A śūla was set up in front of the Kāmākṣī temple and the son was placed horizontally over it. He remained there unhurt for three days. But Śiṅgappuli set up a śūla in front of the Ēkambareśvara temple and had him placed over the śūla. His body went down through the śūla and he died suddenly. The son having proved himself to be superior tried to draw the car by incantations, but he did not succeed. He then decided to sacrifice his second wife, who came to the car in yellow robes after finishing pūja. Her neck was cut and the head was hung on the top of the car and her entrails were offered as a prey to the demons. Having thus satisfied the demons the son tied one end of a thread to the car and another to his nose. With the help of his mantrams he was able to draw the car in the twelve streets of Conjeeveram. The five Panchālattārs were very much pleased with this and jointly executed this deed, binding themselves and every household of their community to pay the son annually a quarter varāha and two *marakals* of rice.

This happened at a time when the Chōla empire extended from Conjeeveram to Comorin and from Nagoor to Palani.

This record was issued on the eleventh day in the month of Vaikāṣi in the year Sarvadhāri, S. 1098, Kali. 4421. These cyclic and Kaliyuga years do not correspond.

The given data work out to 4th May 1168 A.D., but the characters are too modern for this date. This document is evidently a forgery.

(A.R.M.E., 1939-10, App. A, No. 6—G.O. No. 665, Public,
28th July 1910, p. 15.)

Private grant 2.

A single copper-plate received from the Collector of Trichinopoly. The saivite emblems and the figures of the sun and moon and of five human figures are soldered to the top part of the plate.

Both the language and script of the inscription are Tamil.

The plate records that a body of five artisans was working a mint established by Kāṣi Rāja (a Chōla king?) and that Rāma Rāja and Angōti Rāja who were supervising the institution had confiscated four lakhs of rupees. These two were ordered by the king to be beheaded, but saved by the five artisans who promised to make good the loss. To make up the amount they raised certain taxes among the members of their community.

The Chōla empire is said to have extended at that time as far as Palani hills on the west, Kāñchipura on the north and Nagoor on the east.

The record is dated the eleventh day in the month of Vaikaṣi in the year Sarvadhāri, Ś. 1098, Kali. 4421. This cyclic and Kali-yuga years do not correspond. The cyclic year Sarvadhāri corresponds to Ś. 1090 and to Kali. 4269. The given data would then correspond to 4th May 1168 A.D. The characters are quite modern and they cannot be ascribed to Ś. 1098. This is evidently a forgery.

(A.R.M.E., 1908-09, App. A, No. 1—G.O. No. 538, Public,
28th July 1909, p. II.)

Private grant 3.

A single copper-plate received from the District Judge of Madura. Both the language and script of the inscription are Tamil.

The plate records a document by which the inhabitants of the town of Tondi, constructed a mutt, opened a flower garden, and appointed Nilakanṭha Paṇḍāram as their keeper on the understanding that he would receive as salary one paṭṭai-sāda (food) every day from the mutt.

The record is dated the seventh day in the month of Māsi in the year Āṅgīrasa, Ś. 1105 (30th January 1184 A.D.). This cyclic and Śaka years do not correspond. The characters are quite modern and the plate appears therefore to be a forgery.

Private grant 4.

A single copper-plate received from the Collector's office, Chingleput.

Both the language and script of the inscription are Tamil.

The plate records a sale-deed executed by Muttu Nāyaka conveying half the portion of the lands owned by him in the village of Velloḍai in the district of Chandragiri in the province of Tondaimaṇḍalam to Bommu Setty for one hundred and twenty-five (new pulicat) pagodas.

This happened during the reign of Vīra Śiṅga Rāyar Dēva Mahārāyar, who is described as the destroyer of the army of the Muhammadans.

The deed was executed on the twenty-first day in the month of Māsi in the year Plava, Ś. 1349, Kali. 4517 (15th February 1428 A.D.). The cyclic year Plava is a mistake for Plavanga as Ś. 1349 corresponds to the latter.

(S.L.I., No. 148.)

[T.S.I., 1886, p. 148.]

Private grant 5.

A single copper-plate received from the Collector of Chingleput on 10th July 1858.

Both the language and script of the inscription are Tamil.

The plate records a sale-deed executed by Muttiappa Nāyaka, conveying half of the portion of the village of Krishna Oḍai owned by him in the district of Chandragiri to Āvaṇi Seṭṭiappa Setty for one hundred and fifteen new pulicat pagodas.

This happened during the reign of Vīra Śiṅga Rāya Dēva Mahārāyar, who is described as the destroyer of the hosts of Muhammadans.

The deed is dated the twenty-fourth day in the month of Chittirai in the year Vikāri, Ś. 1351, Kali. 4519. As the cyclic year Vikāri and the Ś. 1341 agree with each other, the given data would 19th April 1419 A.D.

(S.L.I. No. 145.)

[T.S.L., 1886, p. 150.]

Private grant 6.

A single copper-plate received from the District Court of Chingleput.

Both the language and script of the inscription are Tamil.

The plate records the sale-deed executed by the Gurukkals (priests) of the temple of Umaiyaṅgar Tiruverriyūr Uḍaiyaṅgar Nayanār in favour of Vanniya Śinnapiḷḷai Tandri, who accompanied Śrī Sankarāchārya svāmigal on his tour, conveying the possession of the whole village of Sāttankāḍu and the privileges and rights of worship owned by them in the temples in the villages of Maḍaru, Oṇḍiyūr and Nittiyūr, to the latter for seven hundred and fifty pagodas.

This happened when Vallabha Mahārāja ruled the country from Kāñchīmaṇḍalam to Yeṛumaṇḍalam (Ceylon). This Vallabha Mahārāja was probably the King of Kāñchī, who refused to give his daughter to the King of Orissa, who conquered Kāñchī in 1450 A.D. and defeated the former in revenge.

This deed was executed in the presence of Śrī Śankarāchārya on the twenty-eighth day in the month of Vaikāśi in the year Bhava, S. 1377 (24th May 1454 A.D.). S. 1377 should have been 1376.

(S.L.I., No. 21.)

[T.S.L., 1886, p. 152.]

Private grant 7.

A single copper-plate received from the Collector of South Arcot.

Both the language and script of the inscription are Tamil.

The plate records how a dispute arose between two Pūśāris (priests) and how it was settled. The incident was as follows:—

On the twenty-sixth day in the month of Aḍi in the year Parthiva, a festival was celebrated in the Kanniar temple in Śannāṣipakkam. While the pūśāri of this temple was cutting the throat of a goat as an offering to the deity, a drop of blood fell on another man, who was the pūśāri of a temple in the adjoining village. The latter was irritated and a quarrel arose between the two, which ended in a dispute as to the right of jumping into the fire during the festival. Each claimed that the right belonged exclusively to his own temple. The matter was enquired into by the ruler of Gingee, who ordered that the pūśāri who claimed the right should go round the town with a red hot iron ball in his hand or to lose his head if he was not prepared to do so. The pūśāri of the Kanniar temple consented and did so accordingly, in the presence of several people. The other pleaded his inability. It was then declared that the right belonged to the former. To

commemorate this event the ruler of Gingee granted this plate to the pūāri of the Kanniar temple.

This happened at a time when the following kings ruled :—

- (1) Pravidadēva Mahārāya (Praudhadēva).
- (2) Mallikārjunadēva Mahārāya.
- (3) Virupākshadēva Mahārāya.
- (4) Vāmadēva Mahārāya.
- (5) Narasingadēva Mahārāya.
- (6) Tirumalaideva Mahārāya.
- (7) Varadadēva Mahārāya.
- (8) Kṛishṇadēva Mahārāya.
- (9) Gōvindadēva Mahārāya.
- (10) Rāmadēva Mahārāya.

This plate was given on the tenth day in the month of Tai in the year Pārthiva, Ś. 1386 (6th January 1466 A.D.).

Private grant 8.

Four copper-plates received from the Collector's office, Nellore. The ring on which they were strung is missing.

Both the language and script of the inscription are Telugu.

This is a document recording the settlement of a dispute between the Vaiśyās and the two upper classes, the Kshatriyās and the Brahmans, regarding certain rights at the temple of Śrī Sailam in the Kurnool district by which the Vaiśyās were granted certain privileges.

The settlement was made on the Śivarāthri day in the dark fortnight in the month of Māgha in the year Pārthiva, Ś. 1387 (13th February 1466 A.D.).

(S.L.I. No. 96).

Private grant 9.

A single copper-plate received from the Collector's office, Chingleput, on 10th July 1858.

Both the language and script of the inscription are Tamil.

The plate records a decree given by a committee of four arbitrators in the matter of a dispute between Manna Kaḍamba Mudaliyār and Kānchivāyal Muttiyappa Mudaliyār, regarding the possession of the village of Śinnakāmaṇa in Ponnagarī.

This village is north-east of Ponnēri.

The plate is dated the seventeenth day in the month of Avani in the year Nandana, Kali. 4434, Ś. 1456. Kali. 4434 is a mistake for 4633, and Ś. 1456 should have been 1454. The given data correspond to 16th August 1532 A.D.

(S.L.I. No. 146.)

[T.S.I., 1886, p. 154.]

Private grant 10.

A single copper-plate received from the Collector of Bellary.

Both the language and script of the inscription are Kanarese.

The plate records that, when Mahārāja Śrī Kṛishṇarāyadēva ruled at Vijayanagara, the Gaudās of Gōraṇṭlu village emigrated to Siddhāpūr, formed a colony there with the help of the Gaudās

of Pillēhalli village and named it Gōnchireḍḍihalli. The king fined the Gaudās of Pillēhalli two hundred varāhās and Rāmaṇṇa Gaudan and Mallanṇa Gaudan, the principal men of that village, sold a plot of land to the Gaudās of Gōnchireḍḍihalli for two hundred varāhās in order to pay the fine imposed on the village.

The deed is dated the thirteenth *tithi* in the bright fortnight in the month of Śrāvaṇa in the year Subhakṛit. Two years are mentioned, 1080 according to Piss-abda and 1792 S. This Śaka year is incorrect. The date may probably correspond to 12th August 1543 A.D.

Private grant 11.

A single copper-plate in the shape of a palm leaf manuscript was received from the High Court of Judicature, Madras, in 1909.

Both the language and script of the inscription are Malayalam.

The plate records that Nārāyaṇa Nambūdiri of Paṭṭoli Ilam in Malayampalli village gave a plot of land east of Kuruvan hill on which could be sown one hundred and three *podis* of seedlings and thirty-five oxen for the maintenance of a woman named Mādhavi and her children.

The grant was made in the month of Mīnam in the Kollam year 742 (1567 A.D.).

Private grant 12.

A single copper-plate received from the District Court of Madura.

Both the language and script of the inscription are Tamil.

During the reign of Muthu Vijayaraghunātha Sētopati the Kaḷḷars of Varahanēri who settled at Araṣanattam village and the Śērvakāras of Śinīṣapaninattam, in conjunction with the Ambalakāras of the four adjoining villages granted this document to a Yādava, as authority for the lands he owned in Vadamāttūr. These Kaḷḷars disputed the right of these Śērvakāras and to avoid all future troubles about the ownership of his land, the Yādava wanted that a copper-plate might be granted in the presence of both the parties.

The plate was granted on the twenty-fifth day in the month of Aṇṇi in the year Jāya, S. 1525 (25th August 1594 A.D.). The Śaka year must have been 1516.

(S.L.L., No. 31.)

Private grant 13.

A single copper-plate received from the Collector of Madura.

Both the language and script of the inscription are Tamil.

The plate records the arrangements made for the settlement of a dispute between three hereditary watchmen of Aḷagarkoil, Madura district.

The record is dated the fifteenth day in the month of Tai in the year Anaṇḍa, Kali. 4707. The cyclic year Anaṇḍa corresponds to Kaliyuga year 4715 (12th January 1615 A.D.).

Private grant 14.

A single copper-plate received from the Collector of South Kanara on condition that it would be returned to him or to the owner on demand.

Both the language and script of the inscription are Kanarese.

The plate records that Kēlaḍi Virabhadra Nāyaka gave a plot of land to the God Vēṅkaṭeśaperumal that was worshipped at the Śaṭagopiah muṭṭ in Uppargēri village, for the regular conduct of pūja and offerings.

The grant was made on the fifth *tithi* in the bright fortnight in the month of Aśvayuja in the year Prajōtpatti, S. 1554 (20th September 1631 A.D.). The cyclic year Prajōtpatti corresponds to S. 1553.

(S.L.I., No. 106.)

Private grant 15.

A single copper-plate received from the Collector of Bellary.

Both the language and script of the inscription are Kanarese.

The plate records a sale-deed executed by three merchants named Timmarasayya, Laksharasayya and Rāchavūri in favour of Anantasa Gaudī conveying a portion of land owned by them in the village of Kollegallu for having taken from the latter one hundred varāḥās.

The deed was executed on the tenth day in the bright fortnight in the month of Pushya in the year Nandana, S. 1574 (29th December 1652 A.D.).

(S.L.I., No. 112.)

Private grant 16.

A single copper-plate received from the District Judge, Madura, in 1911-12.

Both the language and script of the inscription are Tamil.

The plate records that Paḷaṇi Iḍimba Oḍayār was appointed as the keeper of a muṭṭ, constructed in Paḷaṇi town by public subscription, and that certain specified fees were sanctioned for its maintenance.

The record is dated the ninth day in the month of Tai in the year Plavaṅga, S. 1638, Kali. 4765. These Kali and Śaka years do not agree with each other and with the year Plavaṅga. The ninth day in the month of Tai in the year Plavaṅga of that period corresponds to 7th January 1668 A.D.

(A.R.M.E., 1910-11, App. A, No. 15—G.O. No. 832, Public, 28th July 1911, p. 16.)

Private grant 17.

A single copper-plate received from the District Court of Madura. Figures of Saivite gods and devotees are engraved on the top of the plate.

Both the language and script of the inscription are Tamil.

A muṭṭ and a feeding choultry were constructed by Vema Reddi of Tirupati on the Paḷaṇi hill and arrangements were also made for the regular conduct of worship in the muṭṭ. All the

members of the Redḍi community agreed to pay a tax for the maintenance of these charities and authorized Sarvapaṇai Gurukkal to be their manager.

This happened during the reign of Mangammāl who ruled at Madura. The record is dated the twenty-fourth day in the month of Mārgaḷi in the year Akshaya, Ś. 1728. This is a mistake for 1608. The given data would then correspond to 23rd December 1686 A.D.

(S.L.I., No. 24.)

Private grant 18.

A single copper-plate received from the Collector of Madura.

Both the language and script of the inscription are Tamil.

The plate records the arrangement made by Kailāsa Mudaliyar, moniagār of the village of Panchagrāmam in the Zamīndāri of Vattalakunḍu Vairavanāyakanūr, for the regular conduct of the daily midday worship in the temple of Kāśi Viśvēśvara and Viśālākṣhī, by ordering that one fanam out of the zamīndāri portion of the daily revenue from tolls, may be paid to the temple for the said purpose.

The order was made on the tenth day in the month of Āvaṇi in the year Ānanda, Ś. 1657 (11th August A.D. 1734).

There is a second inscription in Tamil on the reverse of this plate which records the arrangements made by eight leading merchants of Vattalakunḍu for the regular conduct of the daily pūja in the Kāśi Viśvarūpa-Viśālākṣhī temple by levying a tax on every shop.

This record is dated the thirteenth day in the month of Tai in the year Vikarī, Ś. 1641 (11th January 1720 A.D.).

(S.L.I., No. 65-A.)

Private grant 19.

A single copper-plate received from the Collector of Bellary.

Both the language and script of the inscription are Kanarese.

The plate records a sale-deed executed by Malukanahalli Mallareddi, conveying a portion of the *puṇja* land owned by him in the village of Tāmbrahālli to Honnappa Gauda and Ramaṇṇa Gauda for seventy varāhas.

The deed was executed on the tenth *tithi* in the dark fortnight in the month of Jyēṣṭha in the year Krōdhi (probably 5th June 1724 A.D.).

(S.L.I., No. 114.)

Private grant 20.

A single copper-plate received from the Collector of Chingleput in 1858. There are several figures, at the top and bottom, indicative of royalty, including a match-lock with bayonet.

Both the language and script of the inscription are Telugu.

The plate records that Periya Namaśivāya Nāyanār, watchman of the tract of country comprising the districts of Madhurāntakam, Uttaramallūr and Puduchhēri, gave his grandsons Chandraśekhara, Dharmarāya, Rāma, Lakshmaṇa and Bhīma Nainār, certain villages for guarding the two districts of

Madhurāntakam and Uttaramallūr. It also contains a history of the family of Periya Namaśivāya Nāinār and states how the members lost their appointment in Uttaramallūr, how they went south and again came north and got back their appointment.

The grant is dated the fourth day in the bright fortnight in the month of Vaiśākha in the year Plavaṅga, Kali. 4828 (14th April 1727 A.D.).

Private grant 21.

A single copper-plate received from the Collector of Madura.

Both the language and script of the inscription are Tamil.

The plate records the monthly gift of 12¼ fanams by the Village Munsiff and Karnam of the village of Vattalakundu, Madura district, to the temple of Viśvēśvara and Viśālākṣhī to meet the expenses of lighting all the lamps in the tiruvāṣi attached to the doorway of the temple. Certain people of the village also subscribed their mite for this charity.

The document is dated the second day in the month of Āvaṇi in the year Virodhikrit, Ś. 1653 (3rd August 1731 A.D.).

Private grant 22.

A single copper-plate received from the Collector of South Arcot.

Both the language and script of the inscription are Telugu. There are certain signatures in Tamil at the end of the inscription.

The plate records that the Mahājanās, Pālayagārs, Naṭṭudārs and Kāpus of the village of Pullūrpattu situated in the Valigonda-puram śīma in the division of Hyderabad, unanimously gave certain plots of land in each of the thirty-three villages, belonging to Pullūrpattu, for the Śiva temples in Vriddhāchalam situated on the Maṇimuttānadi (Vellār near Chidambaram). One-fourth part of the lands was intended for the Vriddhāchalēśvarasvāmi temple and three-fourths for the Maśāpurtēśvarasvāmi temple.

The grant was made on the auspicious occasion of a lunar eclipse, which happened on the fullmoon day in the month of Vaiśākha in the year Dundubhi, Ś. 1664, Kali. 4843 (8th May 1742 A.D.).

(S.L.I., No. 69.)

Private grant 23.

A single copper-plate produced by a private party in the High Court of Judicature, Madras. It was left there unclaimed within the prescribed time, and the Registrar sent this to the Assistant Archaeological Superintendent for Epigraphy, Southern Circle, for examination and deposit in the Museum.

Both the language and script of the inscription are Tamil.

The plate records that three persons Rāmaḥhadra Ayya, Mīnakṣhī Ayyar, and Rāmalinga Piḷḷai made over to one Kumārasvāmi Paṇḍāram a piece of land situated in Poygavaḷanāḍu on a river bank to the west of Tirumānallūr for the conduct of pūja in the temple of Ponnārmēnivanār (Śiva) at Tirumalapāḍi. The trust was conveyed in accordance with a previous charter issued by Śrī Vijaya Oppilāda Maḷavārāyar of Tirumalai.

The grant was made on the twenty-fifth day in the month of Mārgaśīrṣa in the year Rudhirōdgāri, Ś. 1662. (25th December 1743 A.D.) Ś. 1662 should have been 1665 as the cyclic year Rudhirōdgāri fell in that year.

(A.R.M.E., 1909-10, App. A, No. 5—G.O. No. 665, Public, 28th July 1910, p. 15.)

Private grant 24.

Three copper-plates received from the Collector of South Arcot. They are hinged together on their sides.

Both the language and script of the inscription are Telugu.

The plates record that Raghunātha Nainār constructed maṇḍapas and prakāraś (walls) to an already existing Śiva temple and an agrahāra named Lokaṇāyakaṭṭuram, and gave the latter to several Brahmans well versed in the Vēdas.

This village is situated near Uḷundūr in the South Arcot district.

The grant is dated the eighteenth day in the month of Chittirai in the year Raktāksha, Ś. 1666, Kali. 4845 (15th April 1744 A.D.).

(S.L.I., No. 67.)

Private grant 25.

A single copper-plate received from the Collector of Madura.

Both the language and script of the inscription are Tamil.

The plate records that in memory of the birth of their sons, Garbhiyakkavaṇḍan and Śirugakkavaṇḍan, leading men of the Kaḷḷar caste, ordered that a female cloth and a bed-sheet must be given every year to certain men of their community and that handfuls of kaṇji must be given to them whenever they go to their house.

The order was issued on the twentieth day in the month of Vaikāśī in the year Krōdhanā. Śaka year is not given. The characters are quite modern. The date may correspond to 18th May 1745 A.D.

Private grant 26.

A single copper-plate received from the Collector of Bellary. It bears the emblems of the sun and moon.

Both the language and script of the inscription are Telugu.

The plate records a sale-deed executed by Tirakana Gauda and Kōṇappa Basavana Gauda in favour of Nāgireḍḍipalli Muśali Reḍḍi for having sold a portion of land owned by them in Kenchannapalli, Kaḍarāmpalli and other villages to the latter for sixty Venkaṭapaṭi Nāyaka varāhas borrowed by them.

The deed was executed on the seventh day in the dark fortnight in the month of Jyeshṭha in the year Vibhava, Ś. 1670 (6th June 1748 A.D.).

(S.L.I., No. 127.)

Private grant 27.

A single copper-plate received from the District Court of Madura. Certain figures of kings and attendants and the Vaishnava emblems are engraved on the upper part of the plate.

Both the language and script of the inscription are Tamil.

The plate records the ways and means adopted with the unanimous consent of the members of the Paḍayāchi caste in Madura for financing the Dharma temple newly constructed by Nāchiyān Paḍayāchi, in the waste land situated between the Maravan Maṇḍapa and the mosque in the east māṣi street near the north gōpura of the Madura Fort. This temple was constructed with the permission of Khan Sahib who then ruled at Madura.

Muhammad Yusuf was then the Governor of Madura and Muhammad Ali was the Nawab of the Carnatic.

The record was executed on the twenty-second day in the month of Makara in the year Vishu, Ś. 1682 (31st January 1762 A.D.). The cyclic year Vishu corresponds to Ś. 1683.

Private grant 28.

A single copper-plate received from the Collector of Bellary.

Both the language and script of the inscription are Kanarese.

The plate records a sale-deed executed by two Barimi Reddīs of Malukanahaḷli conveying a third of the lands owned by them in the village of Malukanahaḷli to Mallāreddi for seventy-five varāhas.

The deed was executed on the third *tithi* in the bright fortnight in the month of Ashāḍha in the year Subhānū. (Probably 13th July 1763 A.D.)

(S.L.I., No. 134.)

Private grant 29.

A single brass-plate received from the Collector of Kurnool. It records three grants, two on one side and one on the other.

The language and script of all the inscriptions are Telugu.

These are grants made by private persons and the name of the king who ruled at that time is not stated.

The first inscription records that Gōlkoṇḍa Appā Nāyudu and Rāmā Nāyudu gave a plot of land owned by them to a Brahman named Bhīma Vīrayya.

The grant was made on the tenth *tithi* in the bright fortnight in the month of Jyeshtha in the year Vyaya, Ś. 1688 (17th June 1766 A.D.). Appā Nāyudu and Rāmā Nāyudu are stated to be Mahānāyakas.

The second records that Yelattūr Redḍilu Karaṇālu granted a plot of land to the same Bhīma Vīrayya.

The grant was made on the second *tithi* in the bright fortnight in the month of Chaitra, in the year Sārvari, S. 1702 (6th April 1780 A.D.).

The third records that Vījanayamula Redḍilu Karaṇālu gave a plot of land to Jana Vīra Dēva.

The grant was made on the tenth *tithi* in the dark fortnight in the month of Śrāvaṇa in the year Sārvari, Ś. 1702 (25th August 1780 A.D.).

(S.L.I., No. 97 A and B.)

Private grant 30.

A single copper-plate received from the Collector of Bellary.

Both the language and script of the inscription are Kanarese.

The plate records a sale-deed by which Bellary Mallisetti sold a portion of his land to Gudayakkāl Paniyappa for seventy-five varāhas.

The deed was executed on the tenth day in the bright fortnight in the month of Śravana in the year Paridhāvi. Śaka year is not given. (Probably 28th July 1792 A.D.)

(S.L.I., No. 115.)

Private grant 31.

A single copper-plate received from the Collector of Bellary. There are two inscriptions, one on each side.

Both the language and script of the inscriptions are Telugu.

The first side records the sannad granted by twelve village officers to Gauni Pāmi Redḍi restoring him the lands granted to him for certain services in the Gharmaghatta village on certain conditions.

The sannad was granted on the thirteenth *tithi* in the dark fortnight in the month of Jyeshtha in the year Naḷa, Ś. 1718 (2nd July 1796 A.D.).

The second side contains the sannad granted by four leading men of the same village to Gauni Pāmi Redḍi under the same conditions.

The date is the same as that on the first side.

(S.L.I., No. 121.)

Private grant 32.

A single copper-plate received from the Collector of Bellary. There are two deeds of settlement one on each side.

Both the language and script of the inscriptions are Telugu.

The first side contains a deed executed by Rangasamudram Pāmi Redḍi Gauḍa in favour of Mallāṇa Gōne conveying freely half the portion of his lands in the villages of Rangasamudram, Kottapaḷli and Jallēpaḷli for the enjoyment of the latter.

The deed is dated the second *tithi* in the bright fortnight in the month of Āśvauja in the year Pingaḷa, Ś. 1719 (22nd September 1797 A.D.).

The second side contains the deed executed by Mallāṇa Gōne in favour of Rangasamudram Pāmi Redḍi Gauḍa conveying freely half the portion of his lands in the village of Tōti, for the enjoyment of the latter.

This deed is of the same date as that of the other.

(S.L.I., No. 125.)

Private grant 33.

A single copper-plate received from the Collector of Bellary.

Both the language and script of the inscription are Telugu.

The plate records the following :—On the twelfth *tithi* in the bright fortnight in the month of Māgha in the year Pārthiva the grant of a field and a well in the village of Padalavapaḷḷe, was made to Mallāpuram Maligi Redḍi and Linga Redḍi by Daḷavōy Venkaṭapati Timmā Nāyudu for certain services. The members of the family of the former went away from the village, while

those of the latter did the service of the former and enjoyed the lands of the former. Several years later a descendant of Maligi Reddi returned and claimed the portion which belonged to his family. Both parties settled accounts by which the returned Potanna agreed to pay Musalayya, a member of the latter family, two hundred and fifty varāhas and in lieu thereof gave him lands in the village of Mallāpuram.

This settlement was made on the fifth *tithi* in the bright fortnight in the month of Chaitra in the year Akshaya, S. 1729 (1807 A.D.).

(S.L.I., No. 122.)

Private grant 34.

Two copper-plates received from the District Judge of Ganjam. The language and script of the inscription are Telugu.

The plates give a story of how a Gosāngi Bhaṇṭu secured certain privileges. The plates are full of sensational events; they mention first the creation, and then the birth of Bārābaṭṭuḍu, a goldsmith, in the family of Jāmbavān. He was brought up by Arundhati and Vasishṭa, received gifts from Viśvakarma. Rēpalli, the Yadava kings, Mādhava Rāja, Viraṇṇa, the seaport town of Kaḷlipalli, Anumakoṇḍa, etc., are mentioned without any connexion whatever. An incident of a parrot with magical powers, its death, a battle consequent upon it, the marriage of Kaṭamarāju with Peḍḍimādevi, the killing of a cow of Śiva by an outcaste and the curse of Śiva, are recorded. Mention is made of the coronation of Puṣapati Māharāju at Vizianagaram and the conferring of the title Gosāngi Bhaṇṭu on Bārābaṭṭuḍu by Varadarāja Svāmi of Conjeeveram.

No date is mentioned. The characters are quite modern.

(A.R.M.E., 1908-09, App. A, No. 4—G.O. No. 538, Public, 28th July 1909, p. 11.)

Private grant 35.

A single copper-plate purchased in the Tirupati bazaar.

The language and script of the inscription are Telugu.

The plate records that a car was made for the goddess Kaḷikādevi of Conjeeveram by certain Pāṇḍānāṣ (artisans). While it was being taken to the temple, a magician stopped it by incantations. The help of another magician was sought, and he cut off the head of his pregnant daughter, hung it on the car, and performed certain other rites. The car then moved, and the woman, whose head had been cut off, was restored to life. Certain endowments were made by the Pāṇḍānāṣ in favour of the magician.

The record is dated the fifth *tithi* in the bright fortnight in the month of Vaiśākha in the year S. 1200. This Śaka year corresponds to the cyclic year Bahudhānya. Taking Bahudhānya as correct the data given correspond to 28th April 1278 A.D. The characters are quite modern, and the plate is evidently a forgery.

Private grant 36.

A single copper-plate received from the Collector of Bellary.

The language and script of the first few lines of the inscription are Kanarese, while those of the rest are Telugu.

The plate records that Śringēri Venkaṭa gave four plots of land in the villages of Bāribillu and Nāyakallu to Giriyan for the maintenance of a choultry in Sangāpura.

The grant was made on the eighth *tithi* in the dark fortnight in the month of Bhādrapada in the year Prajōtpatti. (Probably 1st September 1751 A.D.)

Private grant 37.

A single copper-plate with no history which has been in the Museum for a long time. This is one of a set of plates of which the rest are missing.

The inscription is in Sanskrit, the script employed being Grantha.

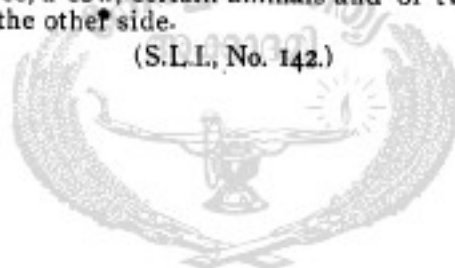
The plate contains the name, race, lineage of the several recipients of a certain gift. No further information is available.

Private grant 38.

A single copper-plate received from the Collector of Chingleput in 1858.

It contains on one side some mantrams and a seal in which is engraved 'Trisaka Chōja Mahārāja' in Telugu characters. The figures of a tree, a cow, certain animals and of two human beings are found on the other side.

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